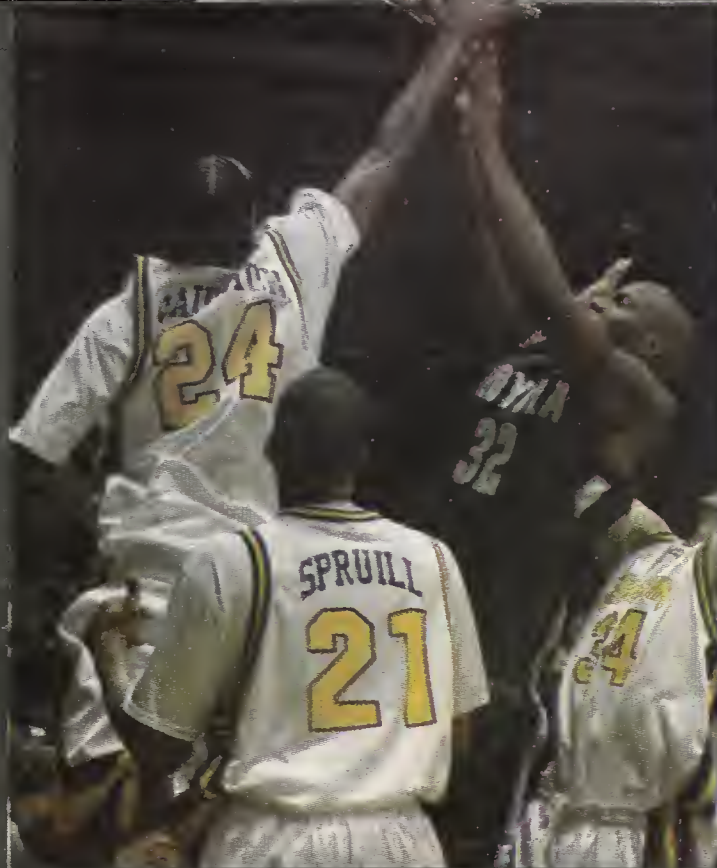




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Omari Isreal has scored 15 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in the first two games this season for the Greyhounds. Loyola finished its opening weekend with a record of 1-1, after a 89-68 victory over the Pennsylvania Quakers.

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Worry over MRSA infects nation

BY NICOLA MCQUISTON
STAFF WRITER

Infection rates of the now infamous methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) strain of staph in community associated settings are much higher in the United States than previously imagined, according to a study recently published by the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Findings of this study, which have sparked hysterical media coverage nationwide, show that this bacterial infection, found 85 percent of the time in healthcare settings, has become more prevalent in community settings unrelated to healthcare.

Fear of this bacterium arises from the fact that it is more difficult to treat, compared to other staphylococcal infections, due to a resistance against methicillin, as well as other antibiotics traditionally used to combat the infection. However, more powerful antibiotics suffice.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention found the number of infected persons for 2005 to be approximately 94,360. In that year, there were 18,650 deaths

related to MRSA infections.

More recently, the strain has emerged from healthcare settings, where peoples' immune systems are habitually weaker, into the community setting. Outbreaks have been discovered among sports teams, in prisons, and in schools, which tend to be breeding grounds for communicable disease.

The upsurge in recent media coverage has prompted many medical organizations to publish information pertaining to the infection and educate people about the true threats of MRSA.

Patricia Oswald, certified nurse practitioner for the Loyola College Health Center, raises awareness to appease the fears of students concerned about MRSA.

"This bacterium has been around for 20 years, it just stayed in hospitals. Now, within the past five years, we're seeing it outside of hospitals," she says.

Staph cases in general have been found for years, according to a fact sheet released by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. One in three people carries the staphylococcus bacteria, which is commonly found on the skin and in the nose.

Infection occurs when the bacteria enter the body through opened

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Cocaine finds home in North Baltimore's college campuses

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"I wouldn't say cocaine is prominent on this campus right now," says an upperclassman from Loyola College who wishes to remain anonymous. "It is in a down period. We need more dealers on this campus. There doesn't seem to be many."

He leans over his coffee table,

the college campuses of North Baltimore. Colleges like Towson University, Loyola College, and Johns Hopkins University have become markets for drug traffickers who bring cocaine into that region -- its final destination.

"Most trades are dealer to dealer, that's usually larger quantities, but in terms of final destination it's headed north to the suburbs and the colleges. They're the only ones who can afford the habit," said an officer in the Baltimore City Police Department with knowledge of Baltimore's drug trafficking.

"The students on those campuses have the money to finance that kind of habit," he said.

men."

"Traditional dealers aren't on campus. Nothing flashy, nothing direct, there's usually middle men, students, and suburban kids dealing. [It] cuts down on visibility and makes our job and law enforcement's job more difficult. Bottom line: it's moving on campuses," he said.

The upperclassman with his new half gram of cocaine leans back and takes a hit from a joint of marijuana and says, "When I used to go to parties there would be about 15 people doing [cocaine]



plugs one nostril, and snorts in a line of crushed Percocet through a rolled-up dollar bill.

Five minutes later the user receives a phone call and within 15 minutes a fellow student -- a dealer -- enters the room. Twenty dollars is handed to the dealer as they sit down at the table to measure up the half gram of cocaine to be sold. Few words are exchanged and soon enough, the dealer is out the door.

"I bought an 8-ball [3.5 grams of cocaine] about a month ago," he says. "That [expletive] was gone in two days. I killed a [gram] this Saturday alone."

Cocaine is finding its way onto

Director of Public Safety Tim Fox commented that he thinks there is a small population of cocaine users on campus, which stays inconspicuous.

"In the last two to three years we haven't seen much in terms of cocaine. The last major bust took place three years ago, and that came from a silent tip," Fox said.

The cocaine seizure Fox mentioned occurred in Campion Tower in 2004, but Campus Police and Student Life found only enough to classify the amount as for "personal use." They did not find any indications of distribution, such as large amounts of cash or bookkeeping information.

The source within the BCPD attributes the low visibility on college campuses to "middle

out in the open. They were really casual about it."

Despite the limited amount of cocaine incidents over the past three years, Fox still believes "there's definitely a current."

Since Loyola's last cocaine bust in December 2004, the usage visually has increased, as Fox mentioned, "it was a little more secretive in the past. But I don't know if that veil is being let down because there is more or less cocaine on campus."

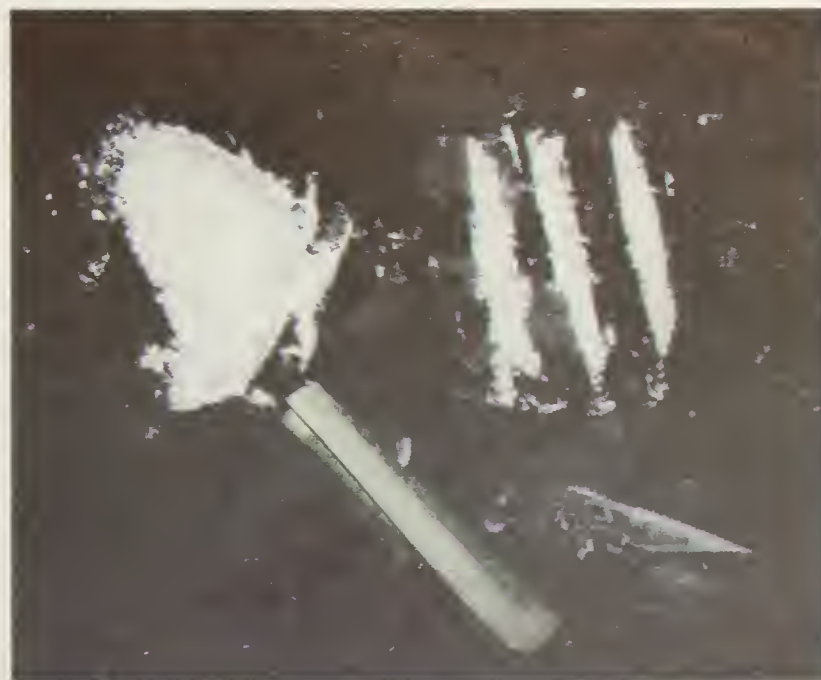
LCPD Officer Dennis Cornwall commented on the openness of many Loyola users, "I had a female tell me that she just wants to go to a ladies' room at a York Road bar and not have somebody snorting a line of coke."

The "veil" which Fox refers to be let down at Loyola, simultaneously compares to the dropping quantity of cocaine across the United States. Drug Enforcement Agency figures show that the supply of cocaine nationally has decreased within the past 18 months, while domestic prices have risen by 15 percent per pure gram.

With these numbers, the expensive habit of using has forced students to look elsewhere toward the dealers with the most quantity but also the closest proximity.

Nearly a mile north on York Road from Loyola's Evergreen Campus, dealers are looking for buyers on the street while buyers are on the corners stretching their arms out as to hail for a cab, but

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According to the DEA supply of cocaine nationally has decreased over the past 18 months. Prices have risen by 15 percent per pre gram, making a typical purchase of cocaine well over \$130.

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- Quotes of the Moment -

“My chance of surviving prostate cancer and thank God I was cured of it in the United States? Eighty-two percent, my chances of surviving prostate cancer in England? Only 44 percent, under socialized medicine.”

Rudy Giuliani's New Hampshire radio ad. According to the National Cancer Institute at Johns Hopkins University the actual survival statistic is 98 percent in the US and 74 percent in England.

“It's kind of sad, but the money is what has given us credibility, not the authenticity of the ideas.”

Ron Paul, a 10-term congressman seeking the Republican presidential nomination, speaking at a Holiday Inn in Philadelphia.

Musharaff calls for elections



The Associated Press reports that Pakistan's President, Pervez Musharraf, has called for elections in January 2009. He has not, however, declared an end date for the de facto military rule, raising doubts to whether the vote will be free or fair.

President Bush called Musharraf the “best president” for Pakistan, because of his support in fighting Islamic extremists, according *The New York Times*.

Russian oil tanker and San Fran tanker



The BBC reports that a Russian oil tanker split in half, spilling 2,000 tons of fuel oil into the Black Sea. The vessel came

apart as it was pounded by 67 mile an hour winds, and 16-foot waves.

The ship's crew of 13 were rescued in the hours after the accident. Officials are calling the disaster “very severe environmental crisis.”

Samarra violence

Reuters reports that at least 20 people were killed in a clash between The Islamic Army and Al Qaeda fighters in the Iraqi city of Samarra. The Islamic Army, once one of the many insurgent groups fighting Americans, are now fighting Al Qaeda.

According *The L.A. Times*, the battle is a part of a larger Sunni revolt against Al Qaeda in Iraq.

Chinese toys found to be harmful

The Chinese government announced late Saturday that it had confirmed the presence of poison on toy beads exported around the world, while in the United States, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said that seven more children had been sickened according to *The New York Times*. The Chinese government's General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine also identified the factory that manufactured the beads, the Wangqi Product Factory in the southeastern Chinese city of Shenzhen, and said the factory's export license had been suspended.

Israeli gov't office raided

The *New York Times* reports Israeli police raided government offices on Sunday as part of three criminal investigations into Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's conduct in a previous cabinet post, a spokesman said. Fraud investigators scoured 20 premises including the Industry and Trade Ministry, Israel Lands Administration, Jerusalem Municipality and Postal Authority for potential evidence in their probe, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said. Olmert, a former Jerusalem mayor, is suspected of having arranging an illicit discount on a house he bought in the city. He is further under investigation over allegations of bid-rigging and cronyism while serving as industry minister. The prime minister has denied any wrongdoing in the affairs, which have overshadowed a tenure already challenged by an Israeli public backlash at last year's costly Lebanon war.

Staph infections

CNN reports that the aggressive antibiotic-resistant staph infection responsible for thousands of recent illnesses undermines the body's defenses by causing germ-fighting cells to explode, researchers reported Sunday. Experts say the findings may help lead to better treatments.

An estimated 90,000 people in the United States fall ill each year from methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, or MRSA.

Sources: *New York Times*, *Reuters*, *BBC*, *AP*, *LA Times*. Pictures: *SF Chronicle*

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Around the World Study Abroad Program: Are you still deciding if you want to go abroad next year? Do you have questions about all the sites you would want to go? If so, this program is for you. Come meet students who attended Loyola Study Abroad Programs last year and ask them questions about their experience.

Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 8 - 10 p.m. - Avila Hall Lounge (immediately following coffee, cake and conversation).

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FLORENCE PROGRAM

On Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. in Sellinger Hall 101 A, the representative from Syracuse University will be on campus to discuss the Florence program. If you are interested in applying to the Syracuse Florence program, you should attend the meeting.

A Trip to the Opera Nov. 16

The Catholic Studies Program invites students, faculty, staff and administration to a cultural event at the Lyric Opera House on Friday, Nov. 16 at 8:15 p.m. to see Donizetti's *Maria Stuarda*.

The core of this opera is the fictional confrontation between Mary Stuart, previously the Catholic Queen of Scotland, and the Protestant Queen Elizabeth I. Elizabeth has been advised to execute Mary and is jealous of the Earl of Leicester's romantic interest in her. The opera builds to the moment of confrontation when political,

religious, and romantic tensions simmer over, resulting in Mary's condemnation and eventual execution. The opera is recognized as one of Donizetti's most persuasive and dramatic scores which culminates in an uncommonly affecting final scene.

NEWBRIEFS

Transportation will be provided to and from the Jenkins lot, but there is a \$5 charge for tickets. Spaces are limited, so sign up soon! For more information or to sign up, contact Angela Christman, Director of the Catholic Studies Program, at achristman@loyola.edu.

Restricted On-Campus Parking Nov. 17

The College will welcome more than 1,200 high school students and their families on Saturday, Nov. 17 for a College Day admission information program. To accommodate these guests, on-campus parking will be restricted all day. Satellite parking and shuttle service will be available

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Selected excerpts from reports

Wednesday, Oct. 31

On Halloween night a young female Loyola student became separated from her friends while enjoying the festivities of Fell's Point. After searching for over 30 minutes she decided to find a taxi cab and go home alone. Unfortunately she could not locate a cab and found herself in a predicament. She then sat down on a street curb somewhere near the downtown Inner Harbor area and began to cry at her situation. At this time a Volvo approached and the driver asked if she needed a ride. She stated she was a Loyola student and needed a ride back to campus. The driver then stated he was a Loyola student. She agreed and got into his vehicle. After 10 minutes of driving, it seemed the driver didn't know where he was going. The driver then made a phone call and picked up a friend of his in the area. Within a few minutes the two began arguing in a foreign language and the student became scared. After 30 minutes, the two suspects demanded that the student surrender her purse and shoes. They then dropped her off on North Charles Street near Johns Hopkins University. She began walking home barefoot. She then telephoned her mother to inform her of her misfortune. She went to LCPD and the BCPD was contacted. The suspects remain at large.

Thursday, Nov. 8

An officer responded to Butler Hall for a vandalism report. Upon arrival, the officer entered the second floor men's bathroom. The floor and walls of the bathroom were covered with a large quantity of human feces. Suspect(s) of this offense are still at large.

LCPD Crime and Safety Tip of the Week

Advancements in communications technology have given institutions the ability to notify communities of imminent threats almost instantly. Loyola College introduced our mass notification system (E2 campus) this past summer during the 2007 freshmen orientation period. Nearly the entire freshman class has registered for this critical notification process. However, the rest of the college community has not registered as quickly to receive this information. Be proactive and register! If you have not taken the time to register, please take a moment to do so. Presently, we have over 2,500 users but the breakdown of these numbers reveals many faculty, administrators, staff and upper-class students have not registered. To enroll follow the link via Blackboard to receive this critical information.

-compiled by Michael J. Calabrese

Loyola's Week of Dialogue highlights issues of awareness

By CARIN MORRELL
STAFF WRITER

On November 7th, the Muslim Student Association (MSA) co-sponsored a panel discussion with the Student Government Association (SGA), entitled "Beyond Stereotypes: Moving Forward from 9/11." Featured during Loyola College's Week of Dialogue, the panel included Loyola students Soad Mahfouz, Asad Jabbar, AJ Olesh, Ashya Majied and MSA president and founder Iman Awad.

The first panelist, Mahfouz, discussed problems with the Arabic Koran's English translation. "With any translation, there is the problem of missing the full impact," Mahfouz said. She also discussed the similarities and differences between Christianity and the Islamic faith. In particular, she stated that the Koran views Allah, or God, as the all-powerful being, Jesus as the messenger from God, and "the Holy Spirit is the angel which brought revelation."

Jabbar focused on the political and social implications of Islam in the post-9/11 world. He defined martyrdom as the "ability and the willingness to sacrifice in the name of a greater cause." With suicide bombings depicted everywhere from CNN to the hit TV drama 24, "the implicit assumption is that this one act is more religious than political." However, Jabbar argues that this is not the case. The correlation between Islam and extreme violence is not one of causation, said Jabbar, and "Islam in itself is completely about supporting and sustaining life in itself and never about...aggression or denying and rejecting this life." Jabbar emphasized the importance of separating politics from religion in this era.

Olesh, who is not Muslim, discussed the controversial term "fundamentalism" and its semantics. The word connotes all fundamentalists as violent which is an unfair assumption, according to Olesh. "There are extremists who do extreme things

and that's why we call them extremists," he said, "but a fundamentalist is not necessarily this person." There are also instances of extremists throughout history for many different religions, such as the self-proclaimed Christian Ku Klux Klan, Olesh pointed out.

Majied, class of 2009, talked about her personal experiences with her religion. "People don't realize that what goes on in the media is not a proper reflection of what Islam is," said Majied. In one of her classes, Loyola students expressed their beliefs that the Koran preached of suicide bombings, which is untrue. "Dialogue is so important. Talking to someone different can change your whole perspective, can broaden our insight. By talking we become more educated," said Majied.

MSA, founded in 2005, hopes to increase understanding and awareness of Muslim culture and the Islamic religion for Loyola students. "People have questions about the religion and maybe they don't get answers, so we're hoping to provide that answer," said senior Awad. "You fortify your own beliefs by recognizing someone else's." Awad hopes to increase campus recognition of MSA because many students do not even realize that this organization exists.

Freshman Timothy Sullivan also attended the panel discussion. "I just came in with an open mind," Sullivan said. "I didn't want to presume anything." He found Olesh's discussion of fundamentalism to be particularly interesting, and how "Islam is really only portrayed in the media in context of war and conflict." Members of the audience who asked questions shared Sullivan's opinion that Islam isn't "all it's portrayed as in the negative sense."

"If everyone was a really good Muslim, if everyone was a very good Christian, if everyone was a good whatever, there would be no war," Jabbar said, quoting his father.

The Week of Dialogue encourages the Loyola community to create new networks to expand open dialogue on issues of interest.

Recruiters struggle to find an Army

By FRANK GREVE
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

THURMONT, Md. -- The Army is struggling to find volunteers for an unpopular war, despite recruiting bonuses of up to \$20,000 and pay increases for enlistees that have beaten inflation by 21 percent since 2000.

It met its numeric goal of 80,000 recruits last year, but it paid a price in terms of declining numbers of high school graduates and lower scores on skills and physical tests. The percentage of minimally qualified Army recruits, known as Category IVs, has quadrupled since 2002, and the percentage that required special health or moral waivers has risen sharply as well.

And many recruiting problems preceded the Iraq war.

So what's really making good Army volunteers so hard to come by and, in a larger sense, sapping America's ability to fight a ground war or occupy foreign soil?

Pentagon and outside experts cite these factors in order of importance:

While risks to U.S. troops are far lower than they were in most previous wars, young adults and their parents find them unacceptably high.

Parents who went to college want their kids to go to college. So do parents who didn't. As the college-bound percentage of high school students has risen to two-thirds, the percentage that intends to enlist in any branch of the military has fallen by nearly two-thirds.

Draft-era veterans, who for generations provided role models for military service, are dying off. A Pentagon study projects a

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Army Sgt. Brandon Van Dusen, at the Maryland Armed Forces recruiting center.

By KYLE EMMICH
STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, Nov. 8, HIV/AIDS activist Hydeia Broadbent delivered the keynote address of the SGA's Week of Dialogue to dozens of students in McGuire Hall. Ms. Broadbent, only 23 years old, has been living with AIDS for her entire life, as the virus was passed to her from her birth-mother. For most of her life, she has been speaking publicly about HIV/AIDS awareness and tolerance, promoting safe sex and showing people that just having a disease does not



KEVIN SMITH/GREYHOUND

HIV/AIDS activist Hydeia Broadbent delivered the keynote speech to wrap up Loyola's Week of Dialogue. The SGA put together numerous events to raise social awareness on campus.

change who one is as a person.

It was an engaging talk that was especially relevant to a college audience because of the speaker's age. The concept of HIV/AIDS was not discussed in mere theory because Ms. Broadbent deals with its stark reality on a daily basis.

She related her personal story to the Loyola audience in unflinching detail, from how her adoptive parents taught her to not hide who she was from others to how she deals with the tests, treatments, and medications that come with being an AIDS patient.

She became emotional at a few points in her talk, but never more than when she was talking about other people. She does not put herself in the public eye for personal gain, but truly to help others.

Ms. Broadbent pointed out early on that AIDS is not a disease that is confined to specific populations in this country—it has an effect on all kinds of people. She also spoke of the intolerance that she and others face from people who do not understand how people may have been infected or how the disease can or cannot be transmitted.

When asked about the most significant misconceptions that people have about HIV/AIDS, Ms. Broadbent replied that "People think that it is a dirty person's disease," implying that having the disease always says something about a person's lifestyle.

She did still stress that the choices one makes regarding sexual health are vitally important. She urged Loyola students to practice safe sex and to be open and honest with partners.

Broadbent explained how she is used to the daily hardships of living with AIDS, but that someone who has gone 20 years without them would have their life change in a

much more significant way. Life is not over because of HIV/AIDS, thanks to modern medicine, but it will be very different.

It requires a great deal of medication to fight HIV/AIDS every day, and Ms. Broadbent was sure to drive this point home to the crowd in McGuire.

She mentioned that she was one of the lucky ones because she has state-sponsored health insurance that covers the cost of her medicine, something that many others are forced to do without. Private health care insurers do not have to accept an AIDS patient because of the financial hardship that such patients would place on them—the cost of an average month of medicine can be in the thousands of dollars.

Broadbent's talk to Loyola students was different from the average discussion of HIV/AIDS because of the personal element she brought to it. She was able to explain the realities of the disease and the effects it has on her life, which helped her to convey the problems of discrimination and ignorance that are often involved in the HIV/AIDS discussion.

Loyola warns of MRSA

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skin. Complications occur with serious infections, which can cause pneumonia and bloodstream infections. Bacteria are spread mostly through skin to skin contact, although other forms of transmission, such as the sharing of towels, initiate the spreading of staph.

Cases of staph infection have been most prevalent among persons older than 65, blacks, and males, according to the CDC.

The Center has formed a Nosocomial Infection Surveillance System, as well as an Active Bacterial Core surveillance system to monitor the incidence of MRSA in specific sites across the country. The latter includes nine sites representing a population of 16.3 million persons.

Prevention programs have been established, along with epidemiologic and laboratory research programs, and outbreak and laboratory support programs. Funding

has been provided to academic and public institutions to continue research of what some have called a national epidemic.

Loyola has implemented efforts to raise MRSA awareness as well. Advertisements for cleanliness have been posted and notices concerning staph have been sent via GroupWise.

On Friday, Father Linnane sent out a campus-wide e-mail that included precautionary measures that can be taken to reduce the risk of contracting an MRSA infection.

"If students have concerns, they should seek medical care," Oswald says, noting that Loyola is conveniently located in the vicinity of a number of medical centers.

Students are encouraged to practice good hygiene and visit the Student Health Center's website should they have further questions concerning MRSA.

Trolley system on N.Charles in the Charm City's Future?

By CAIT ROHAN
STAFF WRITER

Ring, ring. A trolley car tolls its warning bell as it runs down Charles Street. Wait a second...a trolley car on Charles Street? A trolley line in Baltimore? Is this a delusional Rice-A-Roni fantasy?

Trolley cars--usually associated with cities like San Francisco, Philadelphia and New Orleans--may be making Baltimore their next stop.

"I think a trolley line would be an interesting concept and it's most certainly an appealing idea. A trolley has the potential to provide yet another option for transportation in addition to the bus, subway and light rail," says Christopher Nelson, a senior at Loyola and a Baltimore resident.

If the plan goes through, construction could start as early as 2010. The trolley line would run from Johns Hopkins University to the Inner Harbor along Charles and St. Paul Street. The line would be a 7.5 mile single track. It would stop every few blocks. The trolley will run 24 hours with more stops during rush hour.

The Charles Street Development project proposed the plan as an

alternative to Baltimore's bus transportation. Many think the trolley will provide a better alternative to the buses.

"The bus system has improved in recent years, but there are still times when the bus is unreliable," says Nelson.

transportation. The trolley would attract people who don't normally take Baltimore buses. The trolley is an attraction in itself," says Speaker.

Speaker says the trolley would attract many different riders.

Vernon. Commuters can take it to work.

"If a trolley made getting through downtown Baltimore easier I think a lot of people would take the trolley. I could have used it when I interned downtown to help run

assessed property value. Speaker says in one plan a \$200,000 row house could expect to pay about \$1,000 a year. Overhead wires are also a concern.

Some say the positives outweigh the drawbacks. The committee says the construction could be done in different stages for minor disruptions. The trolley will run with traffic.

"The response from the affected community has been generally positive," says Speaker.

The trolley would cost \$150 million to construct. The annual upkeep would be about \$4.5 million. Tickets would be similar to Baltimore light rail and bus costs.

Although the proposed line starts south of Loyola College, it does provide transportation to Loyola hot spots like the Inner Harbor, Power Plant, various museums and centers, and both stadiums.

So will a trolley become another Baltimore symbol like the oriole or its crabs? The Baltimore City Council will decide. For more information, and to see a simulation of a trolley going down Charles Street, visit <http://www.charlesstreet.org/trolley/>.



COURTESY JEN BABSON/MCT

Citizens of Key West, Florida, enjoy their new trolley system. The trolley line began service in September of 2002.

Many think the trolley will provide a better alternative to the buses.

"The trolley system is quieter, smoother and more comfortable. It's a much higher quality form of

Students would take the trolley to travel between campuses or visit friends from other Baltimore schools. Tourists from the Inner Harbor would take the trolley to the BMA, Inner Harbor and Mount

errands or make the most of my lunch time," says Nelson.

But the trolley will cause an increase in the city's taxes. One proposal calls for a \$50 hike for every for each \$100,000 of

Iraq war continues to stifle military recruitment nationwide

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14 percent decline in high-quality recruits from a 10 percent drop in the veteran population.

Most parents, grandparents, ministers and others whose approval potential recruits seek don't endorse enlistment these days.

African-Americans, who joined the all-volunteer force in disproportional numbers for years, have cooled on military service recently. So have Hispanics.

Except among those who sign up, duty to country isn't an

important value, according to Defense Department polls.

Army Staff Sgt. Brandon Van Dusen, 26, a low-key Iraq infantry veteran who recruits in Thurmont, Md., a leafy, friendly farm town about 50 miles northwest of Washington, sees all these factors. But the most powerful one, according to Van Dusen, who describes his own combat stint as "mostly boring," is fear, among recruits and their parents.

"They all figure they're going to get sent to Iraq, be in a firefight in the first 10 seconds and die,"

he said.

While it may seem that way, it's not. Deaths among U.S. troops deployed in Iraq currently about 169,000 average 2.3 a day. By comparison, the daily U.S. toll in World War II was 307.

Put another way, U.S. troops in Iraq die at about three times the rate of stateside civilians of the same age and sex distribution, according to a study published in September in Population and Development Review. Per year deployed, the Iraq death risk for U.S. troops is about a fifth that

for the Vietnam War, according to University of Pennsylvania demographer Samuel Preston and co-author Emily Buzzell.

"People do seem extremely surprised" by the numbers, Preston said, because they "severely overestimate the death rate in Iraq."

Preston attributes the exaggerated fear mainly to news media exposure.

"It's you (journalists)," he said. "You're always after the dramatic violence."

Indeed, Pentagon surveys show

that the more attention high school students pay to news, the less likely they are to enlist.

Whatever the reason, senior classes of about 220 at Catocin High School in Thurmont turn out just two or three military recruits a year now, according to counselor Curtis Howser. They're of three rare types, he said: children of families with traditions of military service, children keen for the military's discipline and those who enlist on the spur of the moment.

Nick Jensen Jr., 16, is more typical of the rest of the student body, however. "My dad didn't go to college, and he says, 'That's what you're going to do,'" said Jensen, a junior at Catocin.

Even when parents do mention the military, Howser said, "it's only as a means to an end, which is money for college."

Absent from most conversations about students' futures is any notion of duty to country, said Howser, 57, who's been counseling for a quarter-century.

"It's just never there when you talk about college," he said.

On the other hand, duty to country is now the reason that recruits most often cite for enlisting, according to Curtis Gilroy, the director of the Defense Department's Office of Accession Policy, which oversees the armed services' recruiting. Money for college and training for a career, which used to top duty to country, rank behind it.

Broad opposition to the Iraq war is a major factor in the Army's recruiting difficulties, according to Gilroy. That's especially true among African-Americans, he said, whose opposition was earliest and greatest. The reasons behind a recent decline in Hispanic participation are less clear.



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Public Safety director sees a current of cocaine on campus

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tapping their fingers downward, indicating their want of drugs. But local areas, such as the York Road Staples store, have been cited as being popular places for Loyola -- and now Towson University -- students to buy not just marijuana or cocaine, but also heroin or crack.

"I've had people from Loyola ask me for heroin and I have flipped out on them," said a York Road dealer who sells to Loyola students. "I had a kid ask me for crack and I told him that I'm never going to bring anyone down to that level, and I refused to sell to him."

On average per week, he stated he sells in total about a quarter to a half ounce of cocaine (14.17 grams) to Loyola students alone, making a week's worth of transactions equaling around \$350-\$800.

"The price of cocaine is definitely going up," said the dealer. "An 8-ball used to sell for

around \$100 and now people will sell it for \$180."

One roommate of a user (who wishes to remain anonymous due to the sensitive nature of her comments) stated, "She buys [cocaine] from mostly students, but lately they don't have any to sell. Usually the students selling on campus get it from York Road dealers, but now she either gets it from York Road or from her dealers at home."

Fox's comments show a similarity, "the thing we see here [at the Loyola Police Department], more than anything else, is when there is an increase in usage it is because the students are going home for [academic] break and going to their local dealer and then they are coming back with it."

The York Road dealer stated that the consistency of students buying

cocaine from him and other dealers in the neighborhood is stable and has been that way for years. He mentioned that Loyola students either use or sell a good amount per week, while at Towson it is just as prevalent.

"When I used to go to parties there would be about 15 people doing [cocaine] out in the open. They were really causal about it."

- Anonymous Loyola upperclassman

"I know a lot of people that sell to Loyola kids aside from me, so if they aren't getting it from me or my friends, than I wouldn't be surprised for them to get it from Towson," he said.

Even more, illustrating the relevant nature of cocaine in Baltimore, just seven miles south of Loyola College, in Fell's Point, federal agents seized multiple

kilograms of cocaine and crack cocaine from the home of Humberto Gasca and Josefina Quinonez, in December 2006. The husband and wife duo had been supplying the Fell's Point neighborhood, including its bars, since 2005.

On Nov. 3, 2007, Gasca and Quinonez were both convicted of possession with intent to distribute and sentenced to 13 and 10 years, respectively. There were 13 other members of the drug syndicate who faced charges ranging from possession of cocaine to selling false documentation.

"It's becoming more accepted [in society] and it is easier to get," said Fox. "And on top of that, the ability to get caught is fair less than marijuana."

As for Loyola's campus, the significance of cocaine has been noticed not only by students, but also faculty. Psychology professor Charles LoPresto had learned of cocaine use anecdotally from members of Student Life and the Health Center over the years and uses his classroom as a forum for

discussion of the prominence of the drug use on campus.

He stated, "I always see heads nodding in agreement [from my students] and it just makes sense when I look at this campus with such conformity." LoPresto continued that he has never seen a reason to doubt an assumption that there is cocaine use on campus from his students.

Part of that conformity which LoPresto mentioned was the added pressure to be in the "in crowd," as well as other factors such as academic standards to keep up with, being financially able to feed such a habit and the pressure to look attractive.

The user finishes his joint and looks to break up another Percocet to snort.

He tucks his newly purchased cocaine away and sits back and says, "Not many people seem to be doing [cocaine], but then again I used to do it with people who have [now] graduated. I don't know about the all the classes, maybe they are. It wouldn't surprise me at all."

Tension permeates anti-Chavez movement

By TYLER BRIDGES
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CARACAS, Venezuela--Several dozen students congregated in front of a charred school door at the Central University of Venezuela on Thursday, sweeping up broken glass and blaming opponents of President Hugo Chavez for an outbreak of violence the day before that left nine students injured.

A quarter of a mile away, hundreds of other students occupied the university's main plaza and blamed the violence on Chavez and his supporters.

Even as the university's top official pleaded for calm Thursday, both sides said they expected more

to be gripping Venezuela as the campaign kicks into high gear to determine whether Venezuelans on Dec. 2 will approve Chavez's effort to rewrite the constitution.

Supporters of the referendum including students say it would accelerate Chavez's push to put more money in the pockets of the poor and give them more chances to advance.

Opponents students among them say it would allow Chavez to further consolidate his power and lead the country down the ruined road of socialism. For now, their strategy is mobilizing supporters to the streets.

The proposal would, among other things, abolish term limits for Chavez, reduce the work day

And student leaders have organized two large anti-Chavez marches during the past week in Caracas, including Wednesday's demonstration where 80,000 people denounced the constitutional reform peacefully until hooded men riding on motorbikes invaded the Central University, known as the UCV. The men fired pistols and launched tear gas.

The government is not known to have made any arrests.

Two students wounded by gunfire remained hospitalized in serious but stable condition.

The university campus was filled with students returning to class Thursday. But much of the focus was on the previous day's clash. Nearly everyone seemed to think that the question wasn't if violence would break out again, only when.

And students were on edge.

"The violent ones are coming now!" student leader Eduardo Torres yelled at one point Thursday in UCV's main plaza. It turned out to be a false alarm.

But anti-referendum students said they would not back down.

"We won't cede an inch," said Stalin Gonzalez, the president of the UCV students' association.

The pro-Chavez students were as determined as their opponents to stand firm.

"A revolutionary is never afraid," Andazola said as a government supporter arrived with fresh copies of a 75-page pamphlet titled, "Now the battle is for the yes position." It lays out the need for the referendum, article by article.

"This is like gold," Candido Nieves, a third-year law student and Chavez supporter said as he held up the new book, which featured Chavez on the cover, wearing a suit and the presidential sash.

"He's the leader of all Latin America," chimed in Andazola.

"Fatherland! Socialism or Death! We will win!" added Nieves, espousing a favorite Chavez line borrowed from Cuba's Fidel Castro.



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Bolivian President Evo Morales waves from the balcony of the Presidential Palace accompanied by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez in La Paz, Bolivia.

violence and vowed not to back down.

Student leaders prepared for yet another march on Saturday, this time against violence.

"They're armed; we're not," said Frank Alvarez, a fifth-year law student who was visiting the campus from Santa Maria University, also in Caracas. Asked if he was scared, Alvarez replied, "If the Liberator, Simon Bolivar, had been afraid, we wouldn't be free today."

A growing climate of tension, fear and confrontation seems

to six hours, give the state greater control over key sectors of the economy and formally give the president control of the Central Bank.

Only a month ago, political commentators said Chavez would have little trouble winning the changes and handing yet another defeat to his political opponents.

But the president's former defense minister provided a political shock when he warned Monday that passage of the so-called "constitutional reform" would amount to a coup d'etat.

SGA assembly meeting

Last Tuesday, November 6, the Student Government Association gathered in Knott Hall B03 to discuss upcoming events and fresh policy initiatives.

The Executive Cabinet announced that it is now comprised of sixteen members after the Director of Technology, Josh Smith, declared his resignation. Nick Lombardi, the current Director of Finance, will moonlight as the interim director until a permanent replacement is appointed. Students should, however, be on the lookout for the new SGA website, which will be launched in the Spring Semester.

Senior Class President Angela DiCocco and her Assembly reintroduced policy proposals

from the October 16th meeting. Committees were formed as an attempt to micromanage the issues, which ranged from Boulder extended hours to the campus-wide printing stations. The designated groups will report back at the next meeting after having brainstormed the necessary steps to implement policy change.

Finally, Nick Lombardi—on behalf of the Finance Committee—presented the 2007-2008 budget; which was approved by a 32-0-0 vote.

The next meeting will take place at 9:00 pm, Tuesday November 27, in Knott Hall B03.

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— THE GREYHOUND EDITORIAL — On Iran, Students must be wary

Increasingly, *The Greyhound* looks to shed light on the issues that will affect the lives of Students in the near future. Recently, President George W. Bush said, "I've told people that if you're interested in avoiding World War III, it seems like you ought to be interested in preventing them [Iran] from having the knowledge necessary to make a nuclear weapon."

The Administration, while currently pushing for a diplomatic solution, has nevertheless supported the idea of military action against Iran on numerous occasions. In fact, in early September 2007 the Senate passed a resolution designating Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organization with strong pressure from the Administration. Critics of the resolution charged it could be used as justification to invade Iran. Accordingly, *The Greyhound* urges students to consider the situation carefully.

China has a vested interest in seeing the country remain stable. Iran is the second leading crude oil producer, roughly 4.09 million barrels per day. Yet, because they lack the refineries to produce gasoline from their crude oil, China has made lucrative crude oil contracts with Iran. In exchange for the oil they have begun building refineries for the Iranians.

In addition, Russia also has numerous oil and natural gas contracts, including a contract to build a nuclear reactor within Iran. Vladimir Putin, Russia's president, has unequivocally denounced any military action against Iran. He spoke at the most recent EU summit and traveled to Tehran in the past month to show support for president Admadinejad. In addition to the threat of a global conflict oil prices, which are surging close to \$100 a barrel, hang in the balance. If Iran was attacked a regional war may be eminent. That could spell oil prices closer to \$150-\$200 a barrel. A regional war could also spell a draft for the US.

What students must also be aware of, is the fact that any military conflict with Iran that includes boots on the ground would almost certainly spell a reinstatement of the draft. The U.S. is committed in a costly war in Iraq. So costly military officials have considered removing the flag folding ceremony from funerals to save time and money. In addition the US has lost 3,860 men and women in Iraq, along with 28,451 wounded. The questions must be asked, is the Administration truly committed to a diplomatic solution, and can the US afford another conflict?

■ A Kingdom of Fools



You and the media are at war against your mind

Mainstream media has lost most of its credibility as a reasonable provider of unbiased, disinterested and reliable news. Major media corporations such as FOX News and CBS have begun to blatantly distort news in an effort to pander to the wishes of their corporate owners. On October 23, a few FOX anchors spent several minutes discussing the possibility of terrorist involvement in the California wildfires that devastated thousands of homes.

Numerous times they cited an FBI memo that detailed the capture of an al Qaeda operative and his subsequent testimony that there was a plan for terrorists to start fires in the western parts of the U.S. What they failed to mention, however, was that this memo was over 4 years old and that the FBI wasn't even sure if this man was telling the truth. Should a "reputable" news agency dig up old, unreliable information, disguise it as truth, and then release it to the public in an effort to stir up fear and anger?

Carefully watch the upcoming presidential debates and keep a close eye on which candidates receive the most questions and camera time. While Clinton,

Obama, Giuliani and Romney may indeed have the best chances at becoming the next president, is an election really equal and unbiased if the most press coverage, camera time and positive feedback is given only to those candidates with the largest bankrolls and the biggest corporate backing?

The 2008 presidential election has already spiraled out of control in terms of the amount of money going into campaigning and advertisement. Sadly enough, a candidate's bankroll will have a large part in determining their chances to win their party nomination. While news agencies are quick to report on candidates fundraising efforts, they are often conspicuously silent about who is making the donations. Do you think Hilary Clinton is going to get us out of Iraq and pursue a new, peaceful foreign agenda that so many Americans are clamoring for? The defense industry doesn't seem to think so and has already donated over \$50,000 to her cause. This accounts for more than half the amount going to any other Democratic candidate and is by far the largest donation from the defense industry to defense industry. This piece of

information speaks volumes but wasn't important enough to warrant any mainstream investigation.

There is a war on for your mind, your opinion and, most importantly, your vote. The reported truth and the actual truth are often two different things and the media has made this startlingly clear in the past few months. Big businesses and private interest groups are throwing around millions of dollars in an attempt to affect the outcome of the elections and help candidates who will, in turn, help them. Is this the fair democratic process of a "model" constitutional republic? Whose interests do the candidates have in mind when they are standing at the podium, those of the average American citizens or their affluent supporters? America needs a leader that will realign the country with the principles it was founded upon, like the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. These documents hold us together, guide our actions and protect us from the government. There is a war on for your mind and only the voter will be able to discern between the truth and the lies.

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Poll Question of the Week:

What is the best column in Opinions?

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- That's what she said.

Last issue's poll: (Results not scientific)

Should Loyola College look into making the campus smoke-free?

- Yes, the school needs to implement a smoke-free standard .(48%)
- No, I personally enjoy my habit and should not have to be forced to stop. (11%)
- Not necessarily the entire campus, but smoking near residence halls and classroom buildings needs to be strictly enforced. (41%)

Loyola falls short in its ability to carry Free-trade products

When talking about fair trade, questions usually surface as to what exactly it means. Fair trade is a third party certification on products such as food, clothing, and artisan

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goods that, according to Transfair USA, “benefits over one million farmers and farm workers in 58 developing countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America.” That is to say, fair trade certification ensures that the workers who made the product worked in fair labor conditions, and received fair pay. Fair trade is also associated with environmental sustainability, community development, and direct trade.

As you may or may not know, Loyola’s Justice Club recently hosted our first “Fair Trade Week.” Justice Club decided to host this week, which included a movie screening and panel discussion, to raise awareness among the Loyola community about fair trade.

Loyola teaches us, the students, to be “men and women for and with others,” as well as to value integrity, community, justice, service, to focus on the whole person, and to constantly challenge to improve. So why then is fair trade not a greater presence on our campus?

Many students, who have studied free trade, would argue that fair trade is an ineffective economic model. The price distortion argument criticizes fair trade for providing a floor for the product’s price. Price floors encourage increased production without a necessary increase in demand, therefore putting those products that are not fair trade certified at a disadvantage. As the market price decreases due to the overproduction, workers that produce non fair trade products have their wages lowered even more. While this argument acknowledges the long term potential problems with fair trade it does not recognize why fair trade originated and the effect it is having today.

Fair trade began because workers in

other countries were not being paid fairly for their products. Free trade’s “race to the bottom” was effecting more than individual paychecks. Alternative Trade Organizations (ATOs), the precursor to fair trade, began in the 1940s as an attempt to provide relief for refugees and others living in poverty. ATOs used direct trade to pay the workers a high price, and in turn ensure high standards of living for those surrounding the workers.

The argument of price distortion implies that fair trade independently forces lower wages on other workers while fair trade was in fact created to combat ever lowering wages. If fair trade certification were to be abandoned workers would not see a raise in wages and the market would instead likely return to universally low wages. The argument that says farms and factories that are not currently fair trade certified couldn’t raise their standards and become certified is a very weak one. Fair trade merely acknowledges the consumer’s purchasing power by informing them about a product’s origins.

This summer, while traveling in El Salvador and Costa Rica, I visited a few unionized and fair trade certified coffee farms. Immediately, I noticed a change in the towns after traveling through many where people are barely scraping by. For example, roads were paved there was a field for soccer and other games in the center, and clean water was available.

There is a strong sense of pride in an increased wage.

When a worker receives a living wage, the paycheck does more than provide more for their family. With more money pouring into communities, they are able to work together to provide scholarships for the youth and improve healthcare, among other things. Fair trade focuses on the whole person, just as Loyola does, by affecting all areas of people’s lives.

Loyola, however, has limited its fair trade potential, with food products, to only coffee, tea, and hot chocolate -- when there are so many other products available. Why is this the case?

Fairly trade coffee, tea, cocoa, sugar, fruit, and rice are available from a variety of distributors throughout the United States. Restaurants and cafes such as Ben and Jerry’s, Bruegger’s, Dunkin’ Donuts, and Starbucks serve some fair trade certified products, in addition to national chains such as Costco, Giant, Kroger, Stop ‘n’ Shop, Target, Trader Joe’s, and Wegman’s. That is not to say that these are the only places to offer fair trade products, or that all the foods offered at these places are fair trade. Rather that they have made a conscious decision to give consumers the option of making the choice for themselves whether or not to buy products that are going to give more money back to those that produced them.

It is difficult to understand, then, why our college doesn’t sell more and advocate for fair trade products. Students across the country have pushed for their bookstores to be fair trade. Colleges and universities such as Georgetown, Duke, Syracuse, SUNY Albany, Columbia, Cornell, University of Maine, Grand Valley State, Skidmore, Fordham University, University of Miami, and the entire University of California system have signed onto “United Students Against Sweatshops Suppliers Program.” It is interesting to note that most of these schools are much bigger than Loyola, and they have made the initiative. And the list of schools goes on even further.

Having fair trade more available on campus is not something impossible or unimaginable. If Loyola students join together and put pressure on the school by proving to the college that we are passionate about the universal benefits of fair trade and sweat free labor conditions, we can implement change.

Think about it. How many Loyola sweatshirts do you own? How often do you buy fruit from Boulder and Primos? Imagine if the money you spent on those purchases went to those who needed it most. Imagine the number of communities that could be transformed. The options and possibilities are out there, but it is up to us to apply them on a local level here at Loyola.

That’s what she said: Making good out of losing a swipe

This week’s question comes from a freshman girl. She writes, “Courtney, I constantly lose my keys and swipe.

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Seriously, I am emailing you right now from a computer in the Student Center because I can’t get back into my room. Yeah, and it’s not the first time.”

First of all, wow. You have to admit, it’s a little funny. Second, I’m sure by the time you read this you’ll have figured something out.

Still, this is a problem we all have from time to time. Who among us has never run out the door, failing to grab a certain hunter green lanyard from the wall?

Or, having been next in line at the bookstore, emptied out the entire contents of our Vera villagers, only to realize that we waited on that 4-hour textbook line for nothing?

We’ve lost lots of important things. Behind our dressers. Down the shower drain. To a blurry face at a Johns Hopkins frat party. It happens. But your key is something else entirely. Replacing it costs more than you’re willing to spend. How do I know? You wear Fucci sunglasses and Uggs.

Of course, you don’t necessarily have to tell your RA, but until it turns up (if it does at all), you’re always going to wonder who might stroll up to your apartment in the wee hours of the morning. Surprise! Someone’s letting themselves in. And this time, it’s not Maintenance.

The solution? Know where the key is at all times. I know I sound like my grammar

school basketball coach, but it’s good advice. Bring it with you into the shower. Take it on long walks. Tell it stories. But, whatever you do, never, never wear it around your neck like you did those three weeks of camp.

So what if the damage is done and all you can do is sit outside your door, pretending to need some fresh air? If you’ve already knocked and no one’s answered the door, you’re pretty much out of luck. Try calling your roommates to find out when they’re going to be home.

Unless you got randomly placed, they probably like you and will try and get home as soon as possible to let you in. If they don’t pick up, leave a message. Adding something to the end like, “...and I may have left your straightener on” can really expedite the process.

Until then, it looks like you’ve got a little time on your hands. With the days getting colder, you probably don’t want to wait outside. Instead, like our freshman friend up there, make your way back to the Student Center to kill time. You can try and get some work done, grab a quick bite, or take an awkward nap in the Reading Room.

Doesn’t do it for you?

Buy stamps. Check your mail. Get cash from the ATM. Visit the Art Gallery. (Yes, we have one. And some of the exhibits are actually quite good). Ask for a tour of the photography lab. See what shows are coming up in McManus. Stop by the gym and watch a bit of basketball practice.

Find a cute professor and sit in on his class. I already did this once this week, and double-bonus, there was an even hotter

guest lecturer. Shameless, yes. But there’s absolutely no reason why you need to sit alone at that picnic table outside your room and push broken twigs through the holes for the next 30 minutes.

You can live without your key. It’s the swipe that you have to worry about. Unlike a key, you can’t just take your roommate’s swipe the next time she blacks out.

So what if you’ve already lost your swipe? You can still get back into any building by telling the DA you want to use the computer lab. Or just walking by her. Need to print out a paper? Ask the kid next to you to borrow his swipe. Getting written up? Obviously not, because you go to Towson.

What about if it’s the middle of the night and you have no keys or swipe? You might still be able to catch the tail end of midnight breakfast. Too old for Midnight Breakfast? That’s a trick question. You’re never too old for midnight breakfast.

So you’ll be displaced for a little while, wandering the compass route, wondering what will happen next. What’s life without a little suspense? Soon enough, you’ll be back on your ugly cobalt-blue couch reading this month’s *Cosmo* as you wait for your nails to dry. See, things always work themselves out. Look at that. You handled a lockout with more poise than the ‘95 NHL league commissioner.

Finally, in response to last week’s “On the Quad” inquiry. Ashley says, “Tim, I’d be absolutely honored.”

Ill-advised? Send Courtney your questions at greyhoundadvice@gmail.com and maybe next week you’ll see your question in print!

On the Quad

What is your biggest pet peeve?

By Betsy Van Langen



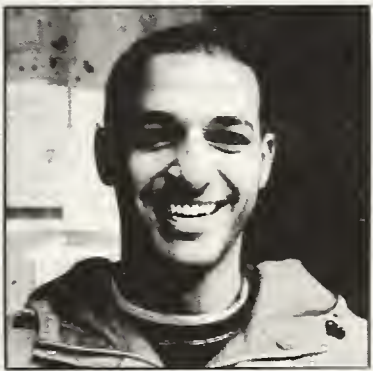
“Roommates nor doing dishes”
Kyle Sanphy '08, Mechanical Engineering



“When people waste paper, I hate that!”
Paula Morris '10, Communications



“When people don’t hold the door and you’re like two steps behind them.”
Mary Ellen Ross, '08, Education



“When utensils touch your teeth.”
John Nagib, '08, Political Science and History



“People who chew really loudly. Isn’t that awful?!”
Erin Parisi '08, Business Administration

Do you want to be in “On The Quad?” Look for Betsy Van Langen on the quad, Friday afternoons.

Student demonstrations, gov. action show Venezuela's instability

My interest in Chavez had been heightened several weeks ago after going to a screening here on campus of *May I Speak? Portrait of a Movement*.

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The documentary, by an extremely talented young filmmaker named Chris Moore, detailed Chavez's rise to power in Venezuela after being elected president in 1998. It is a film I highly recommend for its balanced presentation of Chavez and his policies -- which examines why many of the poor see him as "a messiah, a second Jesus Christ," and why those in the middle and upper classes see him as a threat to their liberty.

Last week, one of the Yahoo! Headlines that caught my attention immediately read, "8 injured after anti-Hugo Chavez march." As I read the Associated Press article, once and then twice, I became more and more alarmed.

What happened that day is all too indicative of the current state of affairs in Venezuela -- a state of affairs that, as a college student, really worries me.

Sandra Sierra reported that gunmen opened fire on students who were returning from an anti-Chavez demonstration just outside the Central University of Venezuela, which is the country's largest and happens to also be a center of strong anti-Chavez sentiment.

Students led the demonstration -- specifically a march to the Supreme Court. The 80,000 demonstrators were protesting constitutional changes "to abolish presidential term limits, give the president control over the Central

Bank, and let him create new provinces governed by handpicked officials." The protesters were marching to communicate their disagreement with these changes, saying that they threaten civil liberties and give Chavez too much power to declare national emergencies. These, to me, are valid and justified concerns.

And even if they weren't valid concerns, people should still have the right to protest them without the threat of violence.

But, as the headline would suggest, that's unfortunately exactly what happened. At least four gunmen with covered faces fired handguns at the crowd, and the terrified students fled through the campus. Later, armed men on motorcycles arrived, positioning themselves outside the building where the original four gunmen were.

Unbelievably, Justice Minister Pedro Carreno blamed the students for the incident, as well as the media and opposition parties. He even targeted the media, saying, "We want to urge the media to reflect, to stop broadcasting biased news through media manipulation, filling a part of the population with hate."

Suffice it to say that I think it's ironic that Carreno blames the media for the violence, when the gunmen's actual motivation was support for the president who appointed him. As a college student, close in age to if not the same age as the students who marched in Venezuela, I find this story upsetting. Imagine if something like this were to happen at Loyola let alone, the United States, where peaceful protesting is very popular and widespread.

Yes there is always the chance of violent repercussions from others. But I know the chances of it coming from our government are exceedingly slim.

While there have been too many school shootings in America, they did not occur as a response to our constitutional right to protest, nor from the United States government.

Venezuela, like the United States, is a democracy -- one of the oldest democracies in South America. Since Chavez was elected, though, many of the characteristics of democratic government seem to have disappeared as more and more power concentrates on Chavez.

He certainly doesn't encourage dissent or opposition. In one speech, he declared, "If you're not with me, then you're with the devil." Nothing like a little fire-and-brimstone imagery to get people to follow you, right?

Chavez is also damaging Venezuela's democratic tenets, perhaps irrevocably, by his ability to strongly polarize the population. We clearly see this in the acts of violence at Central University.

The fact that people would feel the need to show their support for Chavez by firing into a peaceful crowd of protestors testifies

to this polarization.

If his supporters continue to feel this strongly about the president, they are in danger of losing their essential identity as Venezuelans. They will define their country in Chavez's terms, not in their own terms, and thus lose their capacity to challenge his decisions.

I think for some people -- the poor, who praise Chavez for his social programs, the missions, which do help many but are nevertheless corrupt -- this has already happened. I applaud and admire the students who marched to the Supreme Court of Venezuela today, for their courage to act and speak out against a president so popular with so many.

Students here in the United States should, also, pay attention to this part of South America, as its youth and college students are becoming increasingly prominent and vocal in Venezuela's affairs.

What I really want to believe that their energy will not go unnoticed and eventually help Venezuela return to its democratic roots.

Prime time not good reasons to vote

I feel like playing Devil's Advocate this week. It's enjoyable, it fills up my time, and -- it helps me write articles for the Greyhound. This proposition may not excite

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the masses but, for me, being a literary "party pooper" just sounds fun, even if in doing so the buttons of some people get inadvertently pushed.

Some of you may know about Barack Obama's recent appearance on the late-night sketch comedy show, Saturday Night Live. More than likely, to anyone who would have seen the show, Obama's appearance was no big deal. All presidential candidates parade their names and faces about for all of society to see -- it is expected of them as national contenders.

Television appearances, radio interviews, and Myspace pages are the bread and butter of the modern-day candidate. Therefore, Obama's appearance on Saturday Night Live is no big deal -- he's just doing what any normal politician would do.

He's just doing what any "normal" politician would do. In a cultural era where the image rules over everything, the way the populous perceives the term "normal," with respect to the political arena, has had to undergo a serious facelift.

The politicians of today exhibit greater diversity in both gender and race and tend to seem more personable than their stiff-necked, old, white, disgruntled counterparts of the past. However, this evolution of the political character, has been and continues to be an excellent development for our country.

I have a bone to pick with, rather, with the different sort of relationship between "normal" and "image."

For most of America's political history -- probably right until the explosion of television across the American landscape -- political figures identified themselves with the issues they believed in and represented. Politicians were known, and their images were defined, largely on an account of what beliefs those politicians harbored and what political concepts and principles they were favorable and unfavorable towards.

Flash forward to today's political landscape, and I consistently find myself in a state of strong personal confusion when it comes to politics.

I like a candidate who is running, the person seems pretty nice and level-headed, but I have absolutely no idea what the candidate's thoughts are regarding specific

issues.

Maybe I need to pay better attention. It could be, although, that I feel as though I'm not the only person in America who has conversations with his or her television screen to the effect of, "Alright, you don't want us in Iraq anymore, fine, but are you ever going to tell me how you plan to do it?"

And that is, ultimately, my problem. Every election I become more and more fed up with a field of candidates who seem to be more concerned with their television appearances and less concerned with telling me how they plan to deal with a certain situation or problem.

In other words, we've seem to hit a point where it is more acceptable (or even, subconsciously accepted) for a candidate to focus on his or her image more on the political issues.

Hence my preference to play Devil's Advocate on Obama's Saturday Night Live appearance. And it isn't just Obama. I'm not picking on any one candidate (the current nature of his appearance just made it a good example to write from). I'm speaking about candidates across the spectrum.

And it's not as if I'm being naïve. Imagery and associations have always been prevalent on the political scene (case in point: William Henry Harrison being portrayed as a cider-drinking, log-cabin living common folk in the 1840 election).

But when a candidate like John Edwards spends \$400 for a haircut, I think there's a problem.

If I see John Kerry on a motorcycle or George Bush out on the ranch, and there are cameras involved, I think there's a problem. I don't know about the population at large, but I know I'd much prefer the people who will be potentially running my country to be more concerned with certain matters at hand and less conscious of how to seem "cool" and "appealing" to voters.

You can buy my vote by demonstrating to me you're worthy of an office, not by showing me you're well-skilled in listening to your public relations people.

Although, this whole argument raises an interesting question. After all, candidates appear to our popular culture biases and prejudices.

If we insist to pay more attention to the suit a candidate is wearing as opposed to the thoughts running around a candidate's mind, there really is no need for any sort of focus or time spent on serious issues. I suppose we can use all the free time to laugh about that fact -- on Saturday nights.

THUMBS

BY G.M.BLUTH AND MAEBYFUNKE

The Man on the Stand

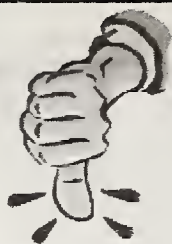
We're big fans of the Jesuit community here at Thumbs. Whenever the Jesuits go good food and those delightful soft baked cookies follow (we will now refer to them as "Jesuit Cookies" and we're sure at some point in the future they will get their own Thumbs Up). But we'd like to take a moment and a hundred words to give mad Jesuit props to Fr. Dan Ruff. Fr. Dan makes mass considerably better than a trip to the dentist with homilies that don't condemn all college students to laps in a burning lake of sulfur but let us off the hook for the really stupid thing we did last Friday. We'll let you come up with your own examples here. We're fairly convinced that he knows everything (maybe it's because of that special priest walkie-talkie to God) but even more convinced that he cares.

Loyola Aesthetics

We'll admit to complaining about the high tuition bill and Loyola's ambition to overtake that other Jesuit institution that ends in a "town" and starts with a "George" but we'll also admit that this place isn't looking too shabby. Boulder looks pretty snazzy (or should we say Café Bouldaire?) and the grounds look ready for George Clooney to drop by again any time that tickles his fancy. Plus, all the ooo's and ahhh's we hear on passing campus tours are pretty good for our egos.

Swipes and Smiles

In case you haven't seen the signs and posters or donated a little monopoly money from your Evergreen to get a really delicious smiley cookie we just wanted to give you a heads up about Operation Smile: Loyola Edition. Operation Smile provides surgeries to correct the complications brought on by cleft lips and palates in developing nations. These afflictions cause difficulties in speaking, eating and smiling (but you probably saw that one coming). So next time you have a little extra monopoly money think about swiping for a good cause.



Midseason Meltdown

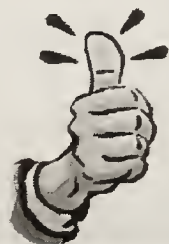
A really scary thing happened this October 31. (And no this isn't a late breaking thumbs down to overly done, uncreative or harlot-esque Halloween costumes). The big scary thing at the end of October was the end of the Hollywood Screen Writers contracts, prompting a strike on November 1. Dearest Hollywood we cordially ask you to give the writers the freakin' .3% increase in DVD revenues that they're asking for. If our beloved television shows end in December ("24" has already been pushed back, so much for Jack Bauer's ability to get his way with wit, intelligence, torture and a bit of light treason) and networks have to resort to more non-scripted reality rubbish we will pout in your general direction.

Deadlines

You are very lucky to be reading this right now. We don't think you realize just how lucky. Now before you grit your teeth and mentally prepare yourselves for another of our bleeding-heart liberal rants about deplorably deficient literacy rates or the criminally wide socioeconomic divide you should know that this isn't one of those. We're just whining about deadlines. Yep we don't appreciate the anal retentive aspect of American culture that says that something must be finished on a certain date and at a certain time lest the world end in fiery apocalypse. It's deadlines like these that really stifle our creativity here at Thumbs. To our editors: we'd like to think of the Thumbs deadline in a more European sense as in "Thumbs is due on or around Friday at 3pm." So stop calling us when you still don't have it on Sunday afternoon. Sheesh.

Fashion Faux Pax

Here at Loyola we're all getting very expensive degrees so maybe it's time to start dressing the part. We're all for wearing your heart on your LaCoste sleeve and applying your personality in your favorite choice of lip gloss but it wouldn't hurt to reexamine what we think of as "formal attire." Guys, if you are wearing nice black pants and your shiny black shoes to a presentation, convocation or some other formal event that ends with a t-i-o-n please remember not to wear white socks, or try to match black with navy -- or better yet, just let the girl down the hall dress you. Ladies, sweaters belted over tights don't count as formal attire. They just don't. And you should know by now that cleavage and eye contact are mutually exclusive.



Point-Counterpoint: Which Greyhound column is best to satirize

Tribute to *That's What She Said*

How do I know if my girlfriend is faking it?
My first instinct is to answer,

XAVIERCALLOWAY

does it really matter? Last time I checked if the audience applauds it doesn't matter if it's a live audience or a sitcom clap track. But since I do "care" about the write-in questions we get I suppose I'll give this one the old two-pump chump college try. First step is to focus on your lady. Now I know all those sea breezes and wine coolers are clouding your senses, but try to at least get a good look at her for two reasons.

The first is to make sure it is once again your girlfriend, the second is to see how she reacts to your initiatives. The next step is lighting. Now I can already hear you belly-aching "But Xavier I gotta turn my lights off if I'm gonna turn my Betsy Beatface into Halle Berry." Well bro, you asked the question, I didn't promise you'd like the answer. So now that the lights are on, the roommate is asleep, and 98 Degrees is serenading your interlocking bodies, its time for some real detective work Dick Tracey. If she moans, that's good. We don't need a Whitney

Houston soundtrack here people, less is more. If she closes her eyes and/or bites her lip that's good. Nails down your back is a good sign, now easy there Mr. S&M no need for her to go all dungeon master, a little nail can go a long way. If you break the surface you're performing on; such as a bed, table,

trampoline, car hood, or salad bar, then you're getting it. If she uses a foreign language, "ay papi", "ay dios mios", or a phrase like "sweet sassy molassy" then I'd say your forging your way to O-Town. And finally if you receive a slow clap from neighbors, passersby, or friends in the other room, you may be at hitting your personal potential. Pitfalls to watch for: if she is filing her nails, texting, yawning, or critiquing outfits on Project Runway, you may be moving towards flaccid failure.

Also rating yourself is important. We all can't be Peter Norths working our way to the top of pleasure peak, week in and week out. So it's important to know how good you are. That way you know when a girl is blowing smoke, so to speak. Phrases like "yeah, that was good" or "no no, I wanted to take a nap anyway" are bad news for you Bucking Bronco. The bottom line is that a man's final sexual goal is as simple as a light switch, while a woman's resembles a Rubik's cube. So if you want to treat her right, I suggest you try to

double your best time or -- if that fails -- "talk" to her about it, but I would caution you that the latter might significantly impact the possibilities for a rematch.

GRETCHENMcGILLICUDDY

Tribute to *Thumbs*

Thumbs Up

Topic-ulation

Except for the prevalence of starvation, homelessness, sexism, racism, and that stupid John Mellencamp song from the Chevy commercials there is nothing more pressing that we could talk about than our personal sexuality. We here at Thumbs Up Our Asses only choose the best topics to talk about.

Care for the Lay-tays

There's nothing like treating your woman right and you may have hit the nail on the head with the best way to do that. Since I only ever look out for #1, I respect where you're coming from.

Emotional Disappointment

Here's the plan: I'm going to lead you on with a catchy, punny title and let you think that what I'm about to say is relevant and witty. But sadly all you'll be left with is an empty feeling of loneliness and frustration at the end of this short paragraph.

Thumbs Down

Simpleton's Simplicity

Generally speaking your verbal selection obnoxiously allows for the common practices of English grammar and spelling to remain prevalent in your prescient prose. We here at Thumbs Up Our Asses are decidedly not fanatically inclined to support such logical structure and acceptable style.

Death of a Stewie

This would be one of those

instances where I decide to diverge from what we're talking about and add some self-important drivel: the two-part Family Guy episode sucked.

Me, Myself, and I

Where the hell is Gretchen McGillicuddy in the middle of your meaningless rant? This is insulting. The only reason why I put up with you is to see my name in print every week. That's the only reason why Thumbs exists! This is stupid...

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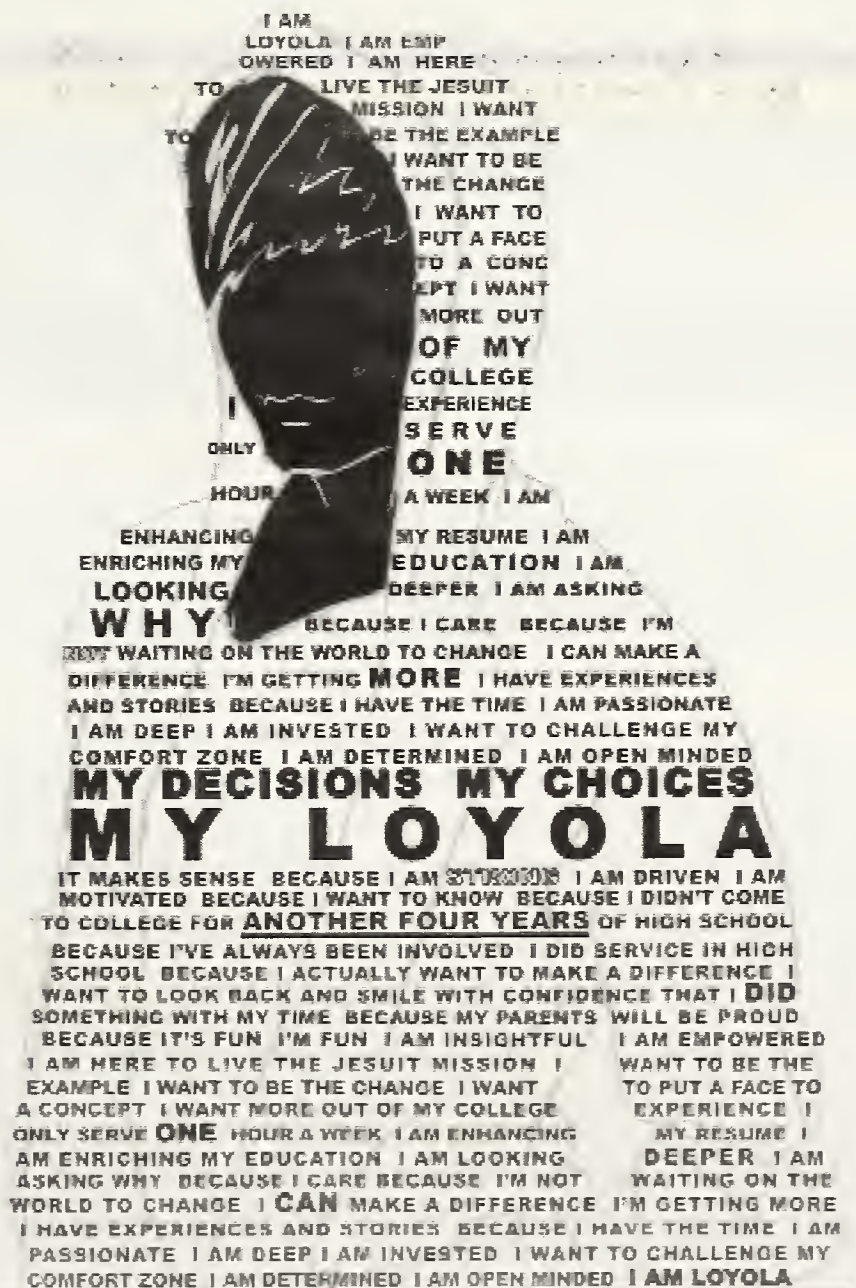
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Republican candidates reach back for populist past

BY MATT BARNUM
U-Wire (U. Chicago)

In the 1964 presidential election, the Republican Party offered up, as conservative author Phyllis Schlafly put it, a choice, not an echo. This "choice," Barry Goldwater, was roundly defeated-America chose Lyndon Johnson instead-but in defeat Goldwater effected a conservative change in the Republican Party.

In 2008, Republicans are at a similar crossroads: They must once again decide between a choice and an echo. The echo is of George Bush's populist-conservatism, and the choice is a return to Goldwater's libertarian-conservatism.

In the Republican Party, populism-that is, social conservatism and fiscal liberalism, or in this case, fiscal moderation-is most skillfully articulated and defended by Michael Gerson, a former Bush speechwriter. In Gerson's new book, *Heroic Conservatism*-a phrase which is to compassionate conservatism what progressivism is to liberalism-he argues for "conservative" means (use of the market by government) to achieve traditionally liberal ends (such as alleviation of poverty and fighting global AIDS).

The ideology of Gerson and Bush is strongly socially conservative, moderate on fiscal issues, and idealistically interventionist in foreign policy.

On the other side of the Republican coin is Ron Paul, the de facto standard-bearer of libertarian-conservatism. Paul, who previously ran for president as a Libertarian (big L), argues for massive cuts in the federal government and withdrawal of troops from Iraq, but is only slightly to the left of mainstream Republicans on social issues.

Paul's version of conservatism necessitates a major shift to the right fiscally and a return to traditionally conservative and somewhat isolationist foreign policy, but only a minor move to the left socially.

populist streak. Rudy Giuliani perhaps best avoids the two sides: His support of abortion rights, gun control, affirmative action, and Wilsonian foreign policy indicates that he's not a populist, libertarian, or conservative

has compiled a fiscally liberal record as governor, hedges his bets on many fiscal issues-he believes in "free trade, but it has to be fair trade"-and echoes some of Gerson's rhetoric on achieving liberal ends via conservative means.

In any case, it seems to be working: Huckabee has moved into second place in most polls of Iowa voters. It's increasingly accurate to place him in the same tier as Romney, Giuliani, McCain, and Thompson.

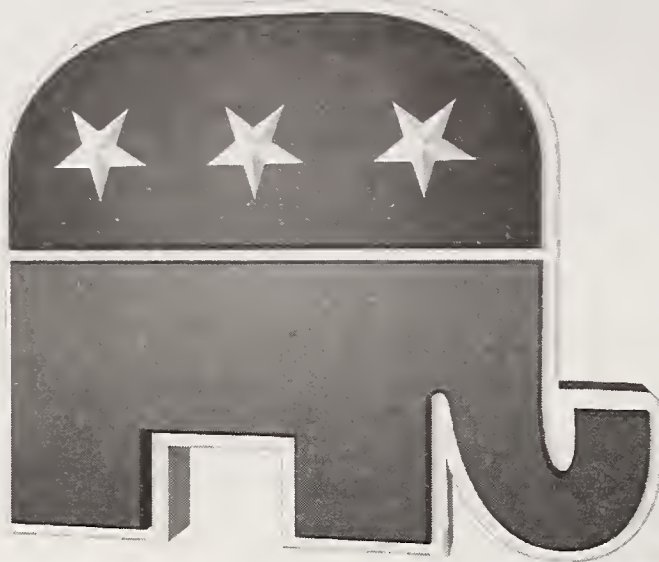
The same cannot be said for Ron Paul. Paul's best hope lies in New Hampshire-widely considered one of the most libertarian states in the union-but he is currently polling at less than five percent in the Granite State.

Considering Huckabee's surprising ascent, Paul's inability to gain traction, and the relatively populist nature of all the frontrunners, are Republicans destined to nominate an echo of Bush? I would say yes, but that doesn't mean that the echo will be ineffective. Bush's failure, at least in the eyes of the public, didn't stem from his populism.

Perhaps if the next populist standard-bearer were more articulate and his foreign policy advisors more able, Republican-populism could be a great political success.

This success, however, would ultimately mean an abandonment of conservatism. Gerson's description of conservatism as "heroic" is telling. His view of a "heroic" government-one that is the solution to society's ills-is not what conservatism is, but rather exactly what it isn't.

So the question remains: Are Republicans willing to give up true conservatism for short-term political success? And perhaps more importantly: Do they have a choice?



COURTESY MCTCAMPUS

Republican candidates are striking populist notes in their campaigns for the presidential nomination. But Republicans are at a crossroads, with a choice between returning to Goldwater's libertarian-conservatism or Bush's populist-conservatism.

Among the current crop of Republican presidential candidates, Gerson's and Bush's populism is embodied to some degree by almost all of the leading candidates, while Paul is the lone libertarian voice. Mitt Romney, who talks a good game on fiscal conservatism, is an echo if there ever was one, and will likely continue Bush's status quo of heavy government spending. Ditto for Fred Thompson. Former "maverick" turned calculating politician, John McCain is a bit harder to peg, but his policy positions-opposition to abortion, vigorous support of campaign finance reform, and an inconsistent fiscal record-show a strong

Republican, but simply a liberal one. And finally, all of them are basically supportive of the Iraq war. Indeed, if it was neo-conservatism that brought us to Iraq, it will be populist-conservatism that keeps us there.

But although all these candidates are pretty good populists, none of them is a perfect one: Romney and Thompson might be too conservative fiscally, McCain is too unpredictable, and Giuliani is too liberal on social issues. The best representative, then, of Republican-populism is Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee. The plainspoken Huckabee, a committed social conservative,

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Weak script buries underground thriller, "P2"

BY SARA CARR
MOVIE CRITIC

It's funny, these days, how much America feeds off of gore and exploitation-based horror movies. These torture films that flood the theaters with blood are now occupying screens at any time of year; even the season to be jolly isn't sacred anymore. Now, the Christmas themed, how-the-hell-do-I-get-out-of-this-parking-garage-with-a-psycho-killer movie, "P2" continues the trend of making any time torture time.

In "P2," Rachel Nichols (previously seen in the TV series "Alias" and who will be seen in an upcoming movie starring Tom Hanks, "Charlie Wilson's War") is a young New York executive named Angela Bridges working extreme overtime on Christmas Eve.

When she finally gets to leave to go to a family party, she is seemingly alone. Alone, that is, until she can't start her car in the parking garage and meets up with a "friendly" security guard, (Wes Bentley, of "American Beauty") who tries to help her. After his failed attempt, she rejects his invitation to stay with him and enjoy a Christmas meal.

So, as she is walking, seemingly alone again, to try to figure out a way to get out of the locked down parking garage, she is attacked by the once friendly security guard.

Moments in movie time later, she wakes up chained to a dinner table in a new, pretty, skimpy dress (ahh... the woman's wardrobe in horror movies) with a security guard who has been watching her for months and just wants to spend some time with her.

Now the game is on as she must figure out a way to escape from the "P2" level of

the parking garage and to get away from a pretty creative and yet boyishly creepy guard named Thomas.

If you may have noticed the hint of sarcasm in my tone while writing the synopsis, you can sense the annoyance I felt after an hour and a half of this mindless entertainment. Horror movies can be brilliant when the characters have more layers to them than one skimpy white dress and a business card playing opposite a one layer security guard

your actors and your audience something to work with other than bloody makeup and excessive gore.

Take the classic, "The Exorcist" for example; even in the seventies, that movie was full of its disgusting elements of blood and bile. However, what makes that film stand the test of time is the fact that it had a developed plot line in which you knew the background and lives of the three main characters before the evil entered the

Save some money on the special effects and take the time to let me learn more about the characters so that I can be more invested in their fates.

A plot hole aside, "P2" does have its moments. Some of the chase scenes around the garage and especially a claustrophobic elevator scene are beautifully crafted and executed to maximum terror level.

These scenes show the potential in first time director Franck Khalfoun who has a genuine gift for making you feel as if you are in the cold and damp parking garage with the corporate Angela and the working class Thomas. He knows just how to angle the camera to build suspense in the already eerie setting. If only when writing he could have used the same imagination.

The acting, particularly from psycho voyeur, Wes Bentley, is done well. He takes what little he is given and tries his best to flesh out his character. In moments of dark comedy to fits of rage, he demonstrates the same level of intensity that he brought to, "American Beauty." He is a talented actor who could easily breakthrough the tough surface of lower level Hollywood if given a richer and more textured character.

Rachel Nichols is believable and can carry along on a limping leg in this horror film. She fit the role of the young executive, but she could have easily given more energy to her role as victimized woman.

Overall what more could one expect from horror flick about a psycho and a woman in a parking garage? It plays out every guess you could have about what happens next and never really strays from the conventions of the genre. Even with its moments of greatness, it fails to lift itself out of the ground, as the story would rather be a bloody mess of a film.



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Like a number of other horror films, "P2" falls short on having a well-thought-out plot line and instead focuses on exemplifying the physical assets of the leading torture victim. In this case, Rachel Nichols is attacked and put in a slutty evening gown by a psycho security guard.

uniform covered in blood.

If you want to thrill me, shock me, or even keep me from rolling my eyes, you have to generate a story and a cast with more than a kill, stalking scene, and repeat formula. You need to add some ingenuity, some style, and some more intelligent dialogue to give

house.

Five minutes of Rachel Nichols working in her office and taking a call from her sister is not enough. Neither does one scene of Wes Bentley dancing to Elvis' "Blue Christmas" with a zoom shot to a picture of him dressed as the King cover his life story.

Joy Division biopic highlights loss of control

BY TAYLOR DEBOER
STAFF WRITER

This year, director Anton Corbijn and actor Sam Riley make their feature film debut with, "Control," the tragic story of Ian Curtis, the front man of Joy Division.

For those not aware, Joy Division was a band in the post-punk era from Macclesfield, England, who established themselves on the English music scene in the late 70s under the name Warsaw. Their Goth-rock styles differed greatly from their British counterparts such as the Buzzcocks and Sex Pistols.

Curtis's tragic suicide ended the band prematurely, before worldwide success. Ian's life would initially appear to be one of the stereotypical rock star- rebellion, band formation, drug experimentation, and death. However, his life was different. He was a lost soul, a hopeless romantic and a man searching for something. This modest biopic doesn't possess the typical "band movie" qualities like Oliver Stone's, "The Doors" or James Mangold's, "Walk the Line." If you're expecting an uplifting story about making it big and following your dream, then you're definitely going to be disappointed, and most likely depressed. "Control" is the grim story of a lost soul. The title of the movie is a direct reference to the Joy Division song "She Lost Control,"

about Ian Curtis's distant wife, but more importantly about his inability to control his own life.

Near the end of the movie, when Ian writes a somber letter to his Swedish girlfriend, Annik (Alexandra Maria Lara), he admits that he has lost control, a foreshadowing of his suicide.

This movie wasn't made as an inspiring tale, but more a lesson. Corbijn, who photographed Joy Division only a few months before Curtis's death, presents Ian's story as a sort of warning. He was a modest young family man, unprepared for the lifestyle of a rock star. Corbijn used the black and white film and the somber music of Joy Division, David Bowie, and the Velvet Underground to help exemplify the depressing undertones.

Like in many modern biopic music films, the actors playing the band members were forced to learn how to play all the songs for the movie. Riley did a wonderful job emulating, but not directly copying, the voice of Ian Curtis. It was apparent that he attacked the music with some of his own style. Riley's naïve, quiet mannerisms allow a raw representation of Ian Curtis's life but also hint at Riley's acting dexterity, which I think we will see much more of in the future. Ian Curtis's wife, Deborah (who wrote "Touching From a Distance," the biography that is based on their marriage) is played by

Samantha Morton, clearly depicting a warm, lighthearted woman who wants nothing but love and support from her detached husband.

Ian had immense love for his wife and daughter but was unable to grasp the tools to express it. Deborah Curtis's seven-year "life" with him was mostly one-sided. Curtis got married right as Joy Division recorded their first album. Shortly after, he was diagnosed with epilepsy and took a combination of medicines that made him fatigued, dried out, and perhaps depressed. That with a combination of "super stardom" led to Ian's loss of control.



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Sam Riley stars as Joy Division lead singer Ian Curtis in, "Control." Alexandra Maria Lara costars as Curtis's Swedish girlfriend, Annik Honoré.

Mindless reality shows are degrading, but popular

BY MATT GWIN
STAFF WRITER

Compelling. Provocative. Talked about. Loved. Hated. These are all adjectives that have defined quality television for decades. Programming such as *MASH*, *Seinfeld*, and *The Sopranos* have definitively changed television forever. To replace these magnanimous hits, today's primetime features *Californication* (a personal favorite), *The Office* (highly overrated) and *Lost*, each show representing the best of their network's programming.

Stupid. Inane. Sophomoric. Degrading. Worthless. These adjectives have defined "B" television, especially throughout the past decade. At the essence of these words, then, should be reality television. There has never been a bigger love-hate relationship in popular culture than the "blight" of the reality show. From an objective perspective, are these *really* a blight on pop culture? Maybe. However, it can be debated that reality TV, from a sheer entertainment and ratings angle, is among the most successful programming to date.

Take your average day on campus. You wake up tired from the tedious hours spent studying (or hung over). Stumbling out of your bedroom, you flop onto the couch and turn on the TV. You watch the same four episodes of sports center. Catch up on how the whole world is going to hell and taking you with it on CNN. Enjoy one of every five videos on MTVU, and maybe catch the second half of a movie on AMC that either you have never seen, or have seen a hundred times. So now we find ourselves



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Reality shows like "I Love New York" are less about the depth of the characters and more about the entertainment value of the drama between them.

at a last resort: an episode of "I Love New York II" on VH1.

"In reality," this is not as much of a last resort as it seems. There were plenty of other channels that you skipped over, and furthermore you may not have even stopped at the above channels. Let's assume for a second that you are not much of a reality fan at all. So why do you keep it on anyway? Well, to begin with, it is fairly mindless television, which is something you want when you are stuck reading some obscure text for hours on end. Also, because it does not take much brainpower to comprehend, you are more likely to stop at reality programming than some regular show that you have never seen before. What exactly

is in it for the reality fan that has seen the same episode before?

Pop culture writer Steven Johnson asserts that television is actually making us more intelligent. His contention is that even reality programming is making us smarter. He proves this point by claiming that even shows such as these have become more complex as time moves on. Increasing structures, recurring themes, and more outrageous antics have moved reality television from an isolated entity, to one that has the ability to grow and deepen episode-by-episode, season-by-season. To prove my outlandish point to the four of eight people who picked up this article and are still reading, I want to use one of

the most ludicrous examples: "I Love New York II."

Typically "New York," in terms of reality structure, is one of the most unoriginal pieces of cookie cutter reality trash ever to grace our Monday evening screens. In usual cliché reality manner, there is a large number of one sex, all battling for the faux love of one poor half celebrity who is compelled to find love amongst a bunch of pre selected strangers. Furthermore, these numbers dwindle as the episodes go on in part by unforeseen drama or elimination ceremonies.

So with all of this overused dribble, why is "I Love New York" so damn addictive? Just like any other TV show, in short, it is character interaction. New York, as a character, is secondary. The absolute ridiculousness of the men as they lie, cheat, steal, and say pure gibberish almost seems too good to be true. I believe that in many of these shows, it is too good to be true. I am not claiming that the shows are scripted, however, I do believe that a substantial number of the men are either actors or highly influenced by the show's producers.

What we are really watching over and over is not reality TV or even a traditional show; rather, it is somewhat of a hybrid. "I Love New York" is everything we like to see in "car accident television." While a network show would take multiple episodes to culminate in an "oh my God" reaction, reality television has the ability to produce that reaction in each episode. My only true concern is if these "contestants" are not actors, then the state of American society really is going to hell. Just watch CNN.

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McManus hosts improv comedy for Operation Smile

By Sydney Carton
Staff Writer

Improv For The Masses. Let's call it the culmination of the entire 20th century communist enterprise: the Trotskyites, the Leninists, the Stalinists, the Marxist apologists. Every recluse socialist theory looking so good on paper, feeling entirely righteous in the revolution, and so damn romantic in the comfy Parisian cafés where silky "la's" and "ruh's" give birth to the starter phrase: "Sayuh Cheeeiss!" Then, the time for power came and the people asked the leaders of the glorious socialist revolution: "What now, oh comrades? What plans for our mighty proletariat?"

And the leaders answered: "Uh..."

That's the time for improv, baby. That's Bleu Picnic.

Last Friday night, McManus Theater witnessed Improv For the Masses, a show put on by improv comedy troupe, Bleu Picnic, in support of Operation Smile. For \$5 a seat, Loyola students and friends participated in the night's riotous fun. With close to every seat filled, Bleu Picnic, headed by Michael Herdson, the Student Life Housing Coordina-

tor, led attendees into the twisted maze that is improv comedy. Every game required variable inputs from the audience, at which point the members of troupe took the wheel and acted out some truly funny, and entirely desperate situations.

"We strived to give everybody equal rations of laughter. We are comrades in comedy," said Tim Hillmann of Bleu Picnic.

While I cannot personally vouch for their collectivist view on comedy, I can say that by the end of my time at the show my belly ached, my jaw loosed with howling, and my arms clutched my sides for dear, precious life. If ever you want to experience Improv for the Masses I encourage you, *emplore* you to check out Bleu Picnic.

If nothing else, look to their spirit in supporting a good cause, and look up Operation Smile.

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Music video game revolution sweeps the nation

BY TIM HILLMANN
STAFF WRITER

Depending on your recognition of the term "Music Video Game" you've either been living under a rock or living Rock. Over the past decade, music video games have started a revolution in gaming that will peak this fall with the recent release of, "Guitar Hero III" and, later this month, the release of "Rock Band."

Starting back in 1998, with the fitting title, "Dance Dance Revolution," music video games were born. DDR became a huge craze in Japan and this soon followed throughout the world. The game stood out for its simplicity and unique game controller. Anyone with two feet and recognition of four directions could play. Sequels and third party rip offs of the game's design were everywhere. Today there are over 100 versions of dancing games. However, DDR did not mark the first game to be controlled by one's feet. Many may recall Nintendo's mid-80's popular release of Track & Field where players stomped on a pad to simulate running. It took another ten years



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This holiday shopping season, gaming enthusiasts will see the release of, "Rock Band," which combines the singing elements of, "Karaoke Revolution" and the instrumentals of, "Guitar Hero."

singing bragging rights. Sequels, including an "American Idol" version, also followed this game as well as a series of Karaoke games called "Sing Star," which are just now hitting the USA.

The biggest innovation to hit gaming since the rumble pack, however, hit with the release of, "Guitar Hero" in 2005. Described as "DDR for your fingers", the game

Last week marked the release of Guitar Hero's fourth game in the series, "Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock." With the largest budget of all in the series and the pressure to improve, the game features 71 playable songs, 51 of which are the original master recordings. The biggest complaints about previous titles were the poor covers of the songs. Now, with MTV flipping the bill for the game's song rights, it was possible to get original recordings by the likes of Guns & Roses, Rage Against The Machine, and Aerosmith.

MTV games will compete with itself this Christmas shopping season with the

most ambitious music video game to date, "Rock Band." This game will combine the singing aspect of "Karaoke Revolution," the guitar and bass playing of "Guitar Hero," and introduce an exciting new drum controller. Players can compete or play co-operatively with friends as a band. Like "GH3," the game will feature original recordings by the artists.

Drum controllers have been released in previous titles like Nintendo's "Donkey Konga," which featured a two "button" boring bongo, and numerous Japanese Arcade games, which featured bulky full drum kits. "Rock Band" takes away the limitations of these previous titles for its set will be fun to play and affordable. The set will consist of four raised drum "pads" and a kick drum pad.

Music games are beginning to stray from the original concept of a simple game with music driving the fun. GH

features a whammy bar, the ability to do hammer-ons and pull-offs. Rock Band will feature full size guitars with five additional solo buttons. A few companies are making stand alone guitars with light up fret boards that players push when lit. While these games may be bringing entertainment to all, and older music to a new generation, when will the game actually become just another instrument? Will it ever come to a point when people realize that they can play the real instrument just as easily and these games will die out?



PHOTO COURTESY OF MCT CAMPUS

Last week, the latest installment of, "Guitar Hero" hit stores. "Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock" boasts a number of improvements, including original recordings of 51 songs.

for game developers to be bold enough to release a simplistic idea in a world of 3-D multi-faceted shoot-em-up and adventure games.

Rolling with DDR's popularity, "Karaoke Revolution" was released by the original developers of DDR. This game took the ever popular singing craze of karaoke to the gaming world. The microphone for the game could be plugged into any Playstation 2 or Xbox for people to battle their friends for

introduced a miniature guitar controller with five "fret" buttons. The game combined the scrolling feature of DDR, the popular music feature of Karaoke revolution, and a unique controller to create one the most fun and empowering gaming experiences in years.

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Aries (March 21-April 20) Love, romantic obligation and family involvement are now on the rise. Take extra time, however, to thoroughly discuss new schedules with loved ones and new encounters.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Minor health or dental ailments may now be bothersome: before mid-week, expect physical energy and social vitality to be temporarily low.

HOROSCOPES
By Lasha Seniuk/MCT

Taurus (April 21-May 20) Complex business agreements may now be easily cancelled or postponed. Later this week, watch for friends, relatives or close colleagues to offer worthwhile ideas and insightful advice.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Many Geminis will this week be offered a rare opportunity to correct past mistakes. If so, ask loved ones for guidance: the experience of someone close will quickly prove meaningful.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) This week, long-term friendships require special diplomacy. A recent series of social or romantic disagreements may now intensify. Remain determined.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) For many Leos, job applications, loans or special business permissions will not be successful before mid-week. Pace yourself, however, and expect new opportunities to slowly

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Career objectives and daily duties will soon need to be thoroughly redefined. Remain open. Late Friday, a friend or lover may ask for revised social or home goals and new romantic promises.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Social and romantic decisions will not be easy over the next eight days. Scorpios born prior to 1982 will soon experience a subtle realignment of emotional priorities. Loved ones may ask for greater freedom

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Before mid-week, older relatives may express a strong need for privacy or social isolation. Silence and reflection will prove meaningful and productive in the coming weeks.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Your ability to manage diverse personalities will prove vital to success. Stay dedicated to group harmony and encourage the quiet, isolated types to participate.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Before Thursday,

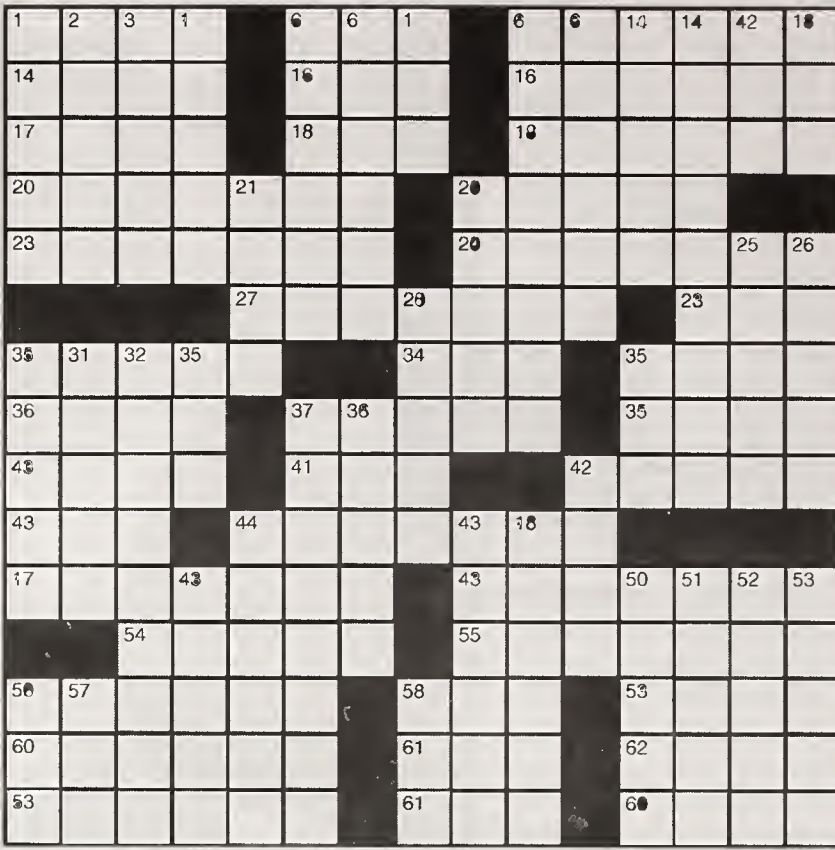
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- 37 Call
- 39 Stink
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- 42 Military installations
- 43 Bamboozle
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- 47 Catch in a trap
- 49 Bring into bondage
- 54 Cicero's tongue
- 55 Adjusts pitch
- 56 Swaps
- 58 Greek letter
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- 13 Guided
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- 22 Nutty pie
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- 26 Large barrels
- 28 By oneself
- 30 R.I.P. word
- 31 Firebug's crime
- 32 Interpret
- 33 6th sense
- 35 To's counterpart
- 37 Ancient Jewish sect member
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- 42 Attention getter
- 44 Supplies the food
- 45 Think logically
- 46 Playful pranks
- 48 Lowest point
- 50 Stringed instruments
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- 52 Brink
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Solutions to last week's puzzle

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Will Butler, College Freshman

By Kevin Hughes and Dan Corrigan



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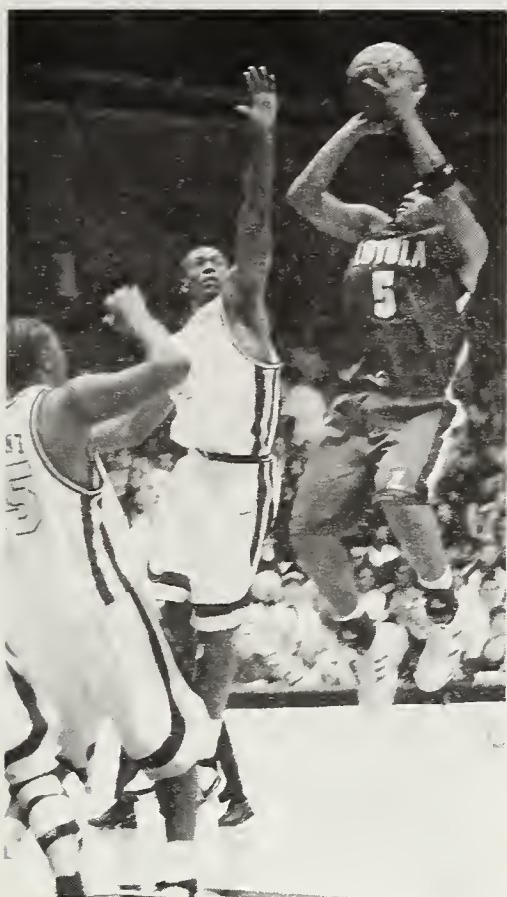
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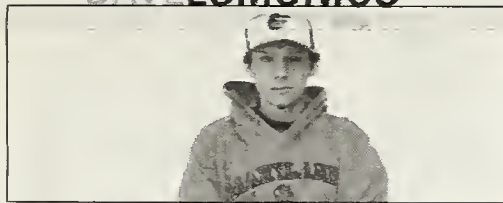


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Marquis Sullivan finished with 16 points against Towson.

Observations from opening night in the Towson Center

DAVE LOMONICO



HIGH & TIGHT

It's opening night, the Towson Tigers are in their home gym and the Loyola students outnumber the Towson faithful. Sure, the alumni section was packed, but, as alumni are apt to do, they sat there, perhaps offering a polite golf course cheer every few minutes.

Towson may have been picked to finish last in the Colonial Athletic Conference, but when the "student section" consists of a "Go Tigers" sign, a dude in a Tiger suit and maybe 25 scattered yellow shirts on opening night, something's wrong. It had to be a little disturbing for the Tigers players. They were being berated by Loyola fans before the opening tip.

The Loyola fans didn't have much to cheer about in the first 10 minutes, besides a pair of free throws by Gerald Brown and Omari Isreal. After the initial barrage of "defense" and "you [stink]" pregame chants, Hounds fans dutifully shut up as Loyola trailed 16-4. The intensity picked up as Gerald Brown started draining threes and Loyola cut their deficit to less than five points late in the first half. Welcome to Reitz Arena II, complete with the Marching Flock's Greatest Hits.

"[The student support] was outstanding; that was super impressive," Patsos said.

Justice was served on this day, however. The Tigers got the last laugh in the end ... for the second year in a row.

Of course, the small throng of Towson hecklers used the occasion to get on coach Jimmy Patsos and Co. I don't know what was said, but there was quite a stir on the Loyola bench.

Too bad the Loyola players didn't respond

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Women's soccer wins MAAC Championship, next stop NCAA's

BY KAT KIENLE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In a season where expectations were yet again high, the Loyola women's soccer team certainly lived up to them. After falling short last year in a first-round Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Tournament loss to Siena, the Hounds took care of business this season and advanced to their sixth NCAA Tournament in the last eight years.

"It is a great accomplishment to get back to the NCAA Tournament," head coach John Byford told Loyola Athletics. "I am so happy for the players, especially our seniors and juniors, who have been disappointed [with semifinals losses] in the last two years.

"We are looking forward to playing in the NCAA Tournament against whomever we draw."

The Greyhounds, who finished their regular season 8-5-5 overall, held both of their Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Tournament opponents scoreless last weekend in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

After beating Fairfield 2-0 on Friday, the Hounds took out Marist by the same score in the championship game on Sunday.

"This is a great victory for everyone," head coach John Byford said. "It's great for the coaches, it's great for the players, it's great for the school."

Loyola established an offensive dominance in the first half of the championship match, scoring two goals against the Red Foxes before intermission.

Meanwhile, the Greyhound defense remained supreme even though Marist was presented with several opportune chances around the net in the second half.

Loyola had a great chance to score in the game's opening minute on a shot by junior Lea Day and another by sophomore Colleen



KAT KIENLE / GREYHOUND

After falling short the last two years, the Greyhounds won both of their MAAC Tournament games to advance to the NCAA Tournament.

Kinealy in the 15th minute. They finally cracked through, however, at the 30:14 mark off the foot of Day.

Freshman Lina Staropoli set up the score with a perfect cross near the post where Day headed the ball in, giving the Greyhounds the 1-0 advantage.

One minute later, a Marist foul in the box allowed Loyola to further extend their lead. Sophomore Christina Gomez was granted a penalty kick, which she easily sent past Red Fox keeper Allison Lane, establishing the 2-0 score entering intermission.

"It's always a team effort," Gomez said. "The offense wouldn't be as good if we

didn't get the ball from the defense, which is maintaining possession. We connected well like we have been doing this season."

While the Marist offense was a stronger force around the Loyola net in the second half, sophomore goaltender Brittany Henderson, who was named MAAC Defensive Player of the Year earlier in the week and MVP of the tournament, anchored the defensive efforts in the backfield.

She recorded five saves while the defense posted their 10th shutout of the year to clinch the win.

"She [Henderson] is a big game player," Byford said. "When you watch her she has

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Tigers pounce on Hounds, but Loyola rebounds against Quakers

BY KAT KIENLE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After a more than disappointing season premier on Friday against Towson, the Loyola men's basketball team looked like a different squad in their home opener on Sunday against Pennsylvania, completely dominating the Quakers 89-68 en route to their first victory of the season and close out the opening weekend at 1-1.

In a matchup where Loyola never relinquished their lead, senior Gerald Brown led the Greyhound offensive surge with 27 points and a career high six steals, while sophomore Brett Harvey certainly contributed to the success on the court orchestrating the offense well with a career high nine assists.

"It was a good game with a tremendous performance by Brett Harvey," said head coach Jimmy Patsos.

"I made the mistake of not starting him last game because all he's done since he's been here has won. He did a lot today that doesn't appear on the stat sheets like getting us into huddles and getting everyone involved early."



KAT KIENLE / GREYHOUND

Omari Isreal sets a pick for Joe Miles, who dished out four assists against Penn.

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Brown leads LC with 27 points, Hounds dash by Penn 89-68

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The Loyola offense was indeed involved early as well, establishing their dominance of the boards with a 7-0 run to commence the game and set the tempo in their favor.

Meanwhile, the Greyhound full-court press definitely posed a problem for Pennsylvania, forcing the usual slower paced Quaker system to speed up to Loyola's liking and holding them scoreless for the first four minutes of play.

"The full-court press certainly rattled us," said Pennsylvania head coach Glen Miller. "It definitely took advantage of us and we lacked the confidence and experience to respond in the necessary way."

Senior Michael Tuck led the early offensive efforts on the court, scoring 10 of the teams first 16 points (18 total on the day) and sinking three of his four attempted three point buckets in the first half. The aggressive Loyola demeanor was also apparent with the men forcing eight of their 12 steals in the first 20 minutes of play, three from Brown.

"The other night [against Towson] we slacked a little on defense so that was our biggest thing coming out for today's game," said Brown. "The best thing about me is I can bounce back and being a leader on this team I needed to come back and play strong defense. I wasn't as concerned with scoring as I was with that."

Despite asserting an advantage initially, after an 18-9 lead, the Quakers held Loyola scoreless for nearly six minutes and pulled within three, 18-15 at the 7:45 mark. The Greyhounds however retrieved full control, outscoring Penn 25-14 in the remainder of the half with Brown sinking a buzzer-beating three for the 43-26 score entering intermission.

The second half of play meanwhile was highlighted by an array of back-and-forth fouls and free throw opportunities on both sides.

The Greyhounds however took the upper hand in converting points from the line, netting 16-19 in comparison to the Quakers 19-29.

Junior Marquis Sullivan added to the Loyola tally, netting two three-pointers and 10 of his 13 points in the second half.

The Greyhounds claimed their largest lead of the day, 31, at the 5:02 mark with the score of 80-49, yet never failed to hustle

despite the extreme advantage over the Quakers.

"We got out hustled the other night so I was very conscience of that today," said Patsos. "Effort is everything. If you don't have effort, there's no discussion."

While the efforts of the Hounds were admirable against Penn, their performance in their season opener against Towson on Friday night at the Towson Center wasn't as impressive.

The Tigers' 1-3-1 zone stifled the Hounds and Junior Hairston dominated the paint with 26 points and 21 rebounds to lead the Tigers by the Hounds, 83-69.

The Hounds, who prefer an up-tempo offense, were forced into a half court for most of the night, and the result was a sloppy performance wrought with turnovers, indecisive play and a lack of intensity. The rebounding told the whole story. Towson had 15 more boards than Loyola, outrebounding them 45-to-30.

"This is the most disappointed I've been in a Loyola team in four years," Patsos said. "It was my fault. What happened in the hustle stats was my fault. That will change."

Brown led Loyola with 17 points, while Sullivan added 16, including three from beyond the arc.

However, neither was able to get into an extremely dominate rhythm. Every shot was contested, every rebound went Towson's way.

Simply put, the Hounds were flat and the Tigers hustled, even when they weren't hitting shots. The Tigers recorded 19 offensive boards, creating numerous second-chance opportunities.

"That was just a great team victory," said Towson head coach Pat Kennedy. "That was the biggest win we've had since I've been here."

Despite their poor play, Loyola managed to stay in the game until Towson went on a 9-0 run to end the game. After trailing for the entirety of the first half, the Hounds inched ahead, 47-46, at the 13:17 mark of the second half when Brown fed junior Joe Miles with a pass for a layup. The Tigers responded by going on a 16-2 run, but the Hounds remained in the game and cut their deficit down to four, 73-69, with just over 2:30 to play.

Loyola's ability to stay in the game was little consolation for Patsos, who sensed the



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Gerald Brown led the Hounds with 17 points on Friday and came back with 27 on Sunday.

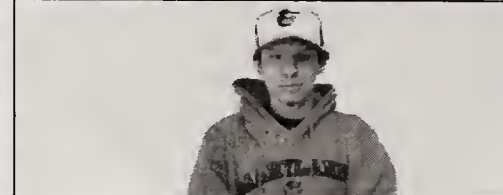
loss even as the Hounds drew close.

"We lost the game in the first four minutes," Patsos said. "We fell behind, and it takes a lot of energy to come back."

The Hounds will play two more here at Reitz Arena next week, starting on Tuesday night against American at 7 p.m. They wrap up the home stand on Sunday evening against Vermont before hitting the road for a five games.

Soccer gets no respect on national level

DAVE LOMONICO



HIGH & TIGHT

From bust to boom, from seven wins to 15, from locker room divided to locker room united, from losers to winners. Yes, what we have here in our little corner of the soccer universe is a blue-collar men's soccer team willing to scrap and fight their way onto the national stage.

It's been a hell of a season, boys. It's just too bad no one outside the 410 appreciates it. *College Soccer News* recently made their predictions for the NCAA Tournament, which begins on Nov. 24, and the consensus is that if Loyola doesn't win the MAAC Tournament next week, their brilliant season is over.

The national media is blind.

Freshman Phil Bannister came in as a young player with nothing but potential on his resume. He's now a veteran, one of the most feared goal scorers in the conference. Sophomore Jamie Darvill, the team's best returning scoring threat, could've sounded off about sharing the ball with Bannister.

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Volleyball ends regular season with two wins

BY BRIAN HUNGARTER
STAFF WRITER

The women's volleyball team continued their best season ever under head coach Kristina Hernandez this weekend with a 3-0 victory Saturday at Rider followed by a 3-0 win against Iona in Reitz Arena Sunday night.

"The team is really excited right now," Hernandez said. "We just keep getting better and better and are realizing our potential. I am very excited now too because as long as we play consistent offense and play the way we have lately, we are a tough team."

Saturday afternoon saw the Hounds

exploit the Broncos' defense in three straight games (30-25, 30-23, 30-21) as sophomore Karlee Woodward and junior Rachel Schillinger combined for 20 kills and a .443 hitting percentage. Although stumbling to a slow start in Game 1, which was marked by seven errors, Loyola administered a three-point run to cap the game and steal the Rider momentum for the rest of the match.

The Broncos were able to keep the final two games close, especially for a majority of game three, but the Hounds rallied off eight of the final nine points in dominating fashion en route to their 21st win of the season and 12th in MAAC play.

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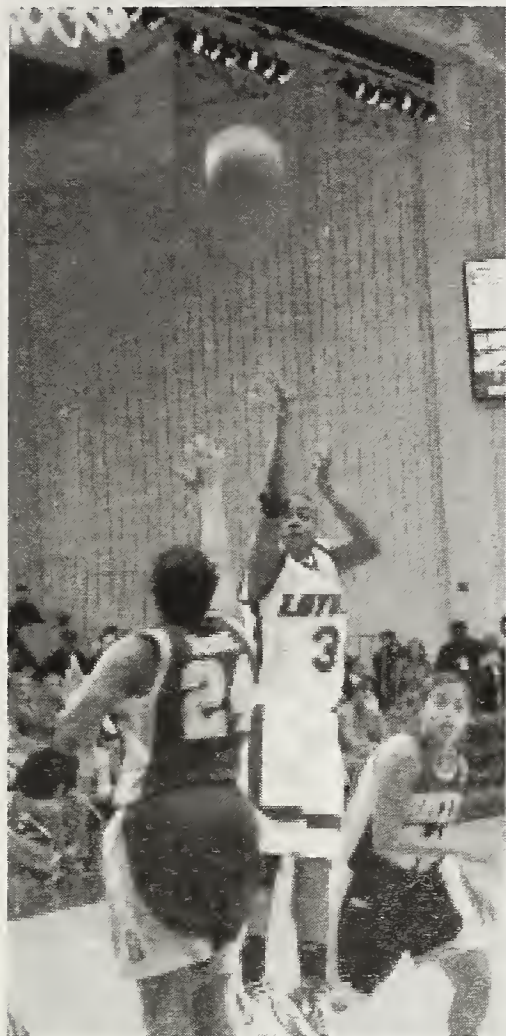
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Tynisha Davis hit a key layup late to break a 44-44 tie with Villanova.

Women beat 'Nova, Drexel to begin '07 campaign
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Women's soccer downs Fairfield, Marist on way to NCAA Tourney

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a certain air of confidence about her that defies the other team. She's an outstanding goalkeeper."

The defense also registered a shutout in the 2-0 tournament semifinal victory against Fairfield on Friday, which gave the Greyhounds the championship berth.

While the Hounds' offense set up a scoring spree in the first half against Marist, the first half of play against Fairfield remained scoreless despite Loyola outshooting the Stags 7-4.

However, the Greyhounds set the temp entering the latter 45 minutes with junior Theresa Ferraina and Gomez both posting shots on goal that just nearly missed.

After a shot from Day missed in the 61st minute, Loyola was given another offensive chance when Fairfield committed a foul.

Gomez was able to head the ball to Kinealy, who then headed the ball past Fairfield keeper Brett Maron for the game's first goal.

While the Greyhounds had a 1-0 lead, Fairfield gave Loyola a scare in the 76th minute when Red Fox Alex Caram drilled a shot on the Greyhound net only to be blocked by a Henderson save.

Two Stag corner kicks followed, but Fairfield was unable to convert on either attempt.

The second missed corner kick resulted in Loyola gaining control. Senior Brynn McGrath took the ball to midfield and fed Gomez with a pass near the goal.

Gomez, presented with a one-on-one opportunity with Maron, drove the ball past the keeper for the 2-0 lead at the 77:38



KAT KIENLE / GREYHOUND

Christina Gomez scored two goals in last weekend's MAAC Tournament. She netted her first against Fairfield and came back with a penalty kick against Marist.

That two-goal advantage was more than enough for the strong core of Loyola defenders, who prevented any significant threats on goal for the rest of regulation to notch the victory.

The two tournament wins over the weekend give the Greyhounds a 10-5-5 record along with their ninth conference championship title.

The Greyhounds will be back in action when the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament begin on Nov. 16 and 18.

The NCAA Tournament Selection Show airs on ESPNNews on Monday at 8 p.m.

"I just hope we will be going somewhere where it isn't snowing," Byford said, laughing. "Hopefully we might have a chance to make a little more history."

2007 version of Towson and Loyola lacks drama; where's Gary Neal when you need him?

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to their "home" crowd. They were rusty, and the Towson students had a chance to gloat at the end of the game with a surprisingly audible, "hey, hey, hey, good-bye."

The Loyola crowd was forced to take the walk of shame, and that 4-mile drive back

to Evergreen took just a bit longer. So much for revenge.

"We let our fans down, but we'll be back," Patsos said.

It's hard to take anything from one game, but the way to beat the Greyhounds this year may be to slow the game down as much as possible. Teams know the Hounds want to run; Loyola feeds off the momentum created by their quickness. Just look at what they did to Penn.

But in the half court, they had trouble running the flex and converting on jump shots against a tough 1-3-1 zone defense. That should be worked out as Joe Miles develops and the team works out the early-season kinks.

"One game does not a season make," Patsos said.

Thank you, Yoda.

Seems like Patsos the Philosopher is trying to be Patsos the Pacifist as well. He said before the season no four-letter words would come across his lips. Now, I thought he was joking, but after the game, the first thing Patsos addressed was the technical foul he was slapped with.

"That technical foul was not mine," Patsos said. "Now that I said that, I feel better."

This is quite a turnaround for a guy that's been known to ask referees for technical fouls. I guess he's really making a concerted effort to live up to the whole Jesuit motto thing. Nice going, coach.

Now Towson did just fine without their star from last year, Gary Neal. Nevertheless, I miss the grudge match between Neal

and Brown from last year's game. In a heavyweight battle that lived up to its billing, Neal dropped in 33 points at Reitz Arena to get the best of Brown (26 points) and Loyola.

But even with the Loyola loss, it was great theater, unlike this year's game, which lacked drama and was rank with turnovers. If Gary Neal versus Gerald Brown is like watching the classic Ali-Frazier fight, then Gerald Brown minus Gary Neal is like watching a modern day George Foreman trade punches with a modern day Evander Holyfield.

Scanning the Tigers' roster, one last

name will certainly stick out: Durant. Yes, Kevin's little bro Tony found his way into the starting lineup for the Tigers. But after watching Tony hit iron on his first two shot attempts after being manhandled by Brown, it became pretty obvious why he's not suiting up for the Longhorns.

That being said, he wasn't too bad on the defensive end, and he should be solid in the middle for the Tigers. However, one can't help but wonder if Tony may be reaping the benefits of his surname.

"I really don't pay attention to [the media hype], just because my brother's in the NBA," Tony Durant said. "I don't worry about it."



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Jimmy Patsos speaks his mind to an official during the Towson game.



The Department of Recreational Sports is proud to congratulate Tom Szatkowski as our Student Employee of the Month (October)!

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Hounds start season 2-0; Davis' layup breaks tie, Hounds edge out Villanova 49-47

BY PETE THEIS
STAFF WRITER

The Loyola women's basketball team began their campaign with two victories at Reitz Arena last weekend, including a 72-62 victory over Drexel in the opener and an ugly 49-47 win over Villanova on Sunday.

Going into the Villanova game, the Hounds knew they would have to grind it out to defeat their opponents from the Big East. Loyola won the meeting last year at Villanova, but they required a whole team effort to escape Pennsylvania with a 61-54 victory.

Sunday's game had a similar result, and it wasn't pretty. The women relied on their tough rebounding and teamwork in order to eek this one out. The game came down to the wire, and it seemed neither team wanted to leave Reitz Arena with a loss this early in the season.

"This game was a credit to our seniors as T [Tynisha Davis] and Woody really stepped up for us," head coach Joe Logan said. "We were able to get some key rebounds at the end of the game and improve our defensive pressure."

Cross country finishes '07 strong; Heibell leads the way

BY BRIAN HUNGARTER
STAFF WRITER

Junior runner Chis Heibell set an all-time Loyola record as the cross country team recorded five top-10 finishes in Loyola history at the NCAA Regionals in Bethlehem, Pa., last Saturday. The cross-country teams finished their official 2007 campaigns with a 20th place finish overall.

Despite the 20th place finish, the entire men's team ran impressive races, highlighted by Heibell, who set the school record with his 31:24 performance, which was good for 42nd overall. Teaming up with Heibell to record the other top-10 times were sophomore Dan McDevitt, junior Keith Forlenza, sophomore Terry Moran and senior Brian Parker.

"That was a really tough race," head coach Rick Woods said. "We had five top-10 finishes in school history and we still only finished 20th overall."

"We thought we would finish a little bit better, but everyone ran a great race and I am very proud of them."

"Our expectations are now so much higher for the future because of our great accomplishments this year. The guys really poured their hearts into this season."

The story of the first half was the ice-cold shooting display by both squads. Defense ruled the day early, and the Hounds edged out to a 7-5 lead after junior Ashley Alexander earned a steal and then knocked down a three-point shot. Villanova then went ahead by as many as eight points before junior Siobhan Prior hit a foul-line jump shot to break the drought. Senior Meghan Wood cut Villanova's lead to six with a layup with 1:39 remaining in the half.

In the second frame Loyola used the slight momentum they built at the end of the first half when sophomore Kaitlin Grant converted a three-point play followed by a deep three-point shot from sophomore Erica DiClemente to cut the deficit four points.

Later in the half, senior Tynisha Davis evened the score after an amazing wrap-around

Villanova's Laura Kurz hit two foul shots to even the score again at 44. But Davis would again step forward as she hit the go-ahead basket to give Loyola a lead they would not give up.

"Before I made the shot, I noticed that the Villanova player on me didn't look like she would be able to guard me," Davis said. "So I made a drive toward the basket and made sure to get the ball up higher because before I hit the front of the rim."

Loyola finished off the game by connecting on 3-of-4 foul shots to earn the victory.

"Harry Perretta is an incredible coach, and Villanova is an incredible team," head coach Joe Logan said. "They run so many different sets that are very hard to defend. We had to make a lot of adjustments at halftime to slow them down."

DiClemente led Loyola in scoring with 10 points and four rebounds. Senior Vika Sholokhova led the team with eight rebounds.

In Friday's season opener at Reitz Arena, the Greyhounds came back from as many as 12 down to defeat Drexel, 72-62.

Loyola's big advantage was their rebounding, where the Hounds managed to out-rebound the Dragons 48-32.

"Our focus in the second half was on rebounding, just pure heart and hustle," Wood said. "It was just a matter of not letting the other



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Ashley Alexander was one of five Hounds in double figures against Drexel in the season opener.

team get the ball."

Sholokhova led all players with 14 points and 12 rebounds, while the rest of the Loyola starters all scored in double figures.

The Dragons scored a quick layup right off the opening tip only to be answered by DiClemente, who scored Loyola's first basket of the season.

Both teams traded baskets for the majority of the first half, but Drexel went on a tear at the end,

scoring 9 of the last 14 points to take a 10-point advantage, capped by a score right before intermission.

Loyola only managed to shoot 31.8 percent from the field, whereas the Dragons were red-hot hitting 50 percent.

"We didn't do a good job against the zone and attacking the basket in the first half," head coach Joe Logan said. "Drexel got some

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THE GREYHOUND

Hounds face stiff competition in Orlando tournament

By DAVE LOMONICO
SPORTS EDITOR

The achievements are many for the Loyola men's soccer team. There's the 15-3 record, including an 8-1 record in the MAAC, which earned them the conference title. There's the No. 1 seed heading into the MAAC Tournament in Orlando, Fla. There's the 12 shutouts pitched by sophomore keeper Milos Kocic and the defense. There's the perfect 9-0 record at home. There's the six game-winning goals by freshman Phil Bannister.

What does it all mean? In a do-or-die, win-or-go-home tournament beginning on Nov. 14, all those accomplishments mean squat.

"It's a completely new season," head coach Mark Mettrick said. "The regular season was good for confidence, but now, having to beat these teams twice, we need to completely refocus ourselves."

The Hounds, however, have an advantage, a perk for finishing tops in the MAAC: a first-round bye in the tournament and a favorable second round match against either No. 8 Siena or No. 9 Rider.

That being said, every team in this conference has the ability to knock off the top dogs (even lowly Manhattan almost upset the Hounds earlier this year), so expect to see some shockers.

"Of all the years I've been coaching, this is as strong as the MAAC has ever been, top to bottom," Mettrick said. "There will be some upsets ... but let's just hope it doesn't happen in our games."

Here's a glance at the other nine teams who will be gunning for an NCAA tournament berth and trying to unseat the favored Greyhounds.

Saint Peter's

The Peacocks battered the

Hounds up in Jersey City earlier this year, handing Loyola their only conference loss of the season. They're a quick and athletic group, led by Herman Trophy candidates Juan Gaviria and Murphy Wiredu, who led the conference in scoring with 13 goals and 31 points.

Saint Peter's also boasted the most points in the MAAC (97) and the most goals scored (34). The Peacocks are a veteran squad, and they'll be a major contender and a serious threat to the Hounds' bid for a tournament championship.

Fairfield

The Stags play a highly organized offensive style, and they're hard to rattle because all of the players stay in their lanes and don't over commit. Last year's MAAC champs finished with a 5-3 record this year, a somewhat disappointing season for a team looking to repeat.

They suffered a few key injuries, including one to their stud keeper, Jon Paul Francini. Now that he's healthy, the Stags have a shot at redemption. They'll forget the bumpy end to the regular season (routed 4-0 by Marist, squeaked out a 1-0 win over Iona) and focus completely on one goal: the MAAC title.

Canisius

Unlike Fairfield, who expected to be higher, the Golden Griffins are rarely in the upper echelon of the MAAC, and their five conference wins are the most they've ever had in the league. But they won't be taking the we're-just-happy-to-be-here approach in the MAAC Tournament. Their success depends on the MAAC's second leading scorer, Alan McGreal, who tallied 11 goals during the regular season.

Canisius is very good at converting set plays, and if they're

given an opening, expect McGreal to convert. Of course, they will need to stop the opposition from scoring as well, something the Griffins struggled with all season, giving up a MAAC-high 39 goals.

Iona

The Gaels are another team reaping the benefits of conference parity. Their four conference wins, good enough for fifth place in the MAAC, is not indicative of how well they played this year. They have just one standout, forward Aly Lo, who was fourth in the conference with 10 goals, but the Gaels have a solid blend of versatile players who work hard to frustrate opponents.

They finished third in the conference in goals with 25 and allowed the fourth least goals with 24. And their 1-0 loss to Loyola at Diane Geppi-Aikens and their 4-3 overtime victory over Saint Peter's should scare the conference's top two teams.

Marist

The Red Foxes earned the final first-round bye in the MAAC Tournament by edging out Niagara for the sixth seed. They have little chance, however, of pulling off an upset of No. 3 Fairfield in their opening game.

There's nothing that stands out about this team; Marist finished middle of the pack in goals scored this season and near the bottom in goals allowed. In addition, the Foxes have no players who truly stand out, and their star forward, Ali Shareif, was average this year despite leading the team with 13 points.

Niagara

The Purple Eagles were off their games this year after finishing in the top four in the MAAC the last two seasons. Part of the problem is the team just doesn't

have any offensive threats. They finished ninth in the league with 18 goals scored, and instead of attacking, they tended to subdue and frustrate teams with their defense (see Loyola's last regular season game).

That being said, most of the better teams have been able to figure them out by the second half, and as a result, the Purple Eagles allowed 28 goals (seventh in the conference). If they're going to advance, freshman midfielder Levi Tesch will have to step up and organize an attack.

Rider

The Broncos are this year's dark horse team. Up until the last week of the season, the Broncos were winless in the conference, but four of those defeats came by one goal, including three 1-0 games and a 4-3 heartbreaker to Saint Peter's in overtime. In the last week, however, the ball started to bounce the Broncos' way as they pulled off back-to-back victories to close out the season.

The Broncos are peaking at the right time, and a 3-1 win over Canisius in the season finale has them brimming with confidence. There are no standouts on this team, but Rider boasts an athletic group that likes to run and take their chances on offense. They finished fourth in scoring this year with 25 goals and will be a threat

to win a couple of games in this tournament.

Siena

The Saints are a workman-like team, and that alone has been enough to keep them in games this year. Like Rider, the Saints lost four games by just one goal, and managed ties against Iona and Niagara. Siena's problem is their lack of playmakers up front.

Their two top goal scorers tallied just three goals apiece, and their leader in points had just 10, including two goals and six assists. Experienced teams have been able to manhandle Siena's forwards and wear down the defense, like Saint Peter's did in a 3-0 drubbing of the Saints.

Manhattan

It was a tough year for the Jaspers, who went winless in the conference and had to settle for two ties to keep from going 0-9. The numbers speak for themselves. The Jaspers finished dead last in points (35), goals (13) and were second to last in goals allowed (34).

To say the offense was anemic would be an understatement considering that no other team in the conference registered less than 50 points. That being said, the Hounds and the Peacocks barely snuck by the Jaspers, eeking out a pair of 1-0 victories in Riverdale, N.Y.

MAAC Tournament - Orlando, Fla.

Nov. 14 - Opening Round

No. 7 Niagara vs. No. 10 Manhattan @ 11 a.m.
No. 8 Siena vs. No. 9 Rider @ 2 p.m.

Nov. 15 - Quarterfinals

No. 3 Fairfield vs. No. 6 Marist @ 11 a.m.
No. 4 Canisius vs. No. 5 Iona @ 2:00 p.m.
No. 2 St. Peter's vs. No. 7 / No. 10 @ 11:15 a.m.
No. 1 Loyola vs. No. 8 / No. 9 @ 1:45 p.m.

Nov. 17 - Semifinals

Nov. 18 - Championship

Darvill's injury a major blow to Hounds' title hopes

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He's become a leader and a mentor to the younger forward.

Sophomore Milos Kocic was a first-year starter, taking the place of superb keeper Justin Chelland. Twelve shutouts later, he's top 10 in the country in save percentage. Three freshmen, Mike Diesel, Danny Ankrah and Eddie Dines were thrown to the wolves, starting from day one. By season's end, they've been nothing short of a spark on offense and relentless on defense.

The four stout defenders, captained by Tennant McVea and Josh Taylor in the middle and flanked by veterans Janson Blake and Julian Cantillo on the wings, were dubbed the stabilizing force of the team. They've lived up to expectations as a nasty bunch, physically dominating. And Glen Leitch, Camilo Correa, Greg Howard and Mike Gill have played major roles off the bench.

But the national media, which has a say in who goes to the Big Dance, is enamored with the powerhouse conferences like the ACC. *College Soccer News* has bubble teams like North Carolina (six wins) and Maryland making

the tournament before the 15-win Greyhounds. Loyola is better and more than capable of competing with those two teams. Just don't expect the NCAA to listen when they make their selections Nov. 19.

Of the 48 teams that go to the NCAA Tourney, 26 are automatic bids from winning their conference

tournaments, while the others are chosen by a 10-member selection committee. Loyola's RPI rating, which takes into account strength of schedule, winning percentage and strength of victory, among other factors, tabs the Hounds at No. 38. Logically, that means Loyola should be a lock to make the NCAA Tournament, even if

they fall short in Orlando.

But traditionally, smaller conferences like the MAAC receive just the one automatic bid, and the rest of the small-school teams, regardless of their regular season records, are sent home. It's an injustice for a team like Loyola, but it will probably be their fate if they slip up next week in the MAAC's.

Of course, if the Greyhounds take care of business in Orlando, it won't be an issue because they'll receive the automatic bid. The Greyhounds are favored, they control their fate, and they have a first-round bye. Easy run, right? Not exactly. Jamie Darvill, who sprained his ankle during the Canisius game two weeks ago, is doubtful to play in the tournament. X-Rays were negative, but Darvill is still on crutches and hasn't practiced at all.

"[Darvill's] production, his assists, his movement without the ball, how do you replace that?" head coach Mark Mettrick said. "Will our depth be enough?"

The key to the Hounds' success this year were the two up front, Bannister and Darvill. Teams couldn't key on one guy, in fear

of leaving the other open for an easy score. What happens when one of them leaves the lineup? Two weeks ago, Darvill missed the regular season finale against Niagara, and the Hounds barely snuck by with a 1-0 overtime victory. If it wasn't for Kocic in goal, the Purple Eagles would've won it in regulation.

In Darvill's absence, freshman Glen Leitch, who normally plays center back, will step up to the forward position. Leitch has been tremendous off the bench, but it's unlikely he'll be enough to draw the defensive pressure off Bannister. If Loyola has to face a team like St. Peter's without Darvill, the Hounds NCAA Tournament hopes could be dashed. It would be a bitter end for a team that deserves better.

Here's hoping that's not their fate, and maybe, just maybe, they can dig down a little deeper and win the MAAC Tournament without their star forward. Here's hoping they go the NCAA Tournament and knock off a top team, forcing the national media's attention to the little school in Baltimore.

George Mason redux? Oh, what an ending that would be.



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Jamie Darvill's ankle injury could damage LC's tourney chances.

Sholokhova leads Hounds by Dragons

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easy baskets at the foul line and we struggled with trying to defend them. We did a much better job with our effort in rebounding. Vika, Woody, and T [Tynisha Davis] really gave us great energy in the second half."

The Greyhounds began their valiant comeback when a DiClemente steal produced a layup that cut Drexel's lead to three at 39-36, spurring a 10-2 scoring run. During that run, the Greyhounds saw their leader Wood come alive when she recorded a conventional three-point play off of an amazing pass from freshman Candice Walker.

Drexel would not go away easily as Narissa Suber connected on a long three-pointer that found nothing but rylon and built the Dragon's lead back up to six.

Loyola fought back when junior Ashley Alexander nailed a 12-foot jump shot followed by two foul shots from junior Siobhan Prior and a steal that led to a layup from senior Tynisha Davis.

Loyola took its first lead of the second half with 7:35 remaining when Grant put in both foul shots to go ahead 47-46. Another great pass from Walker to Grant put

Loyola ahead 50-46 after a foul shot from Walker, but the Dragons did not die easily when they responded right back on a three pointer from Jasmina Rosseel.

Both squads exchanged the lead four times when Sholokhova put in a basket to give the Hounds a 54-53 lead that they would hang onto for the rest of the contest. Sholokhova scored again when Walker found her open off of a pick-and-roll play before finding the net. Loyola would hang on for the victory after going 12-12 from the foul line. Walker, recorded five assists to complement her 11 points and no turnovers in her first collegiate basketball game.

"I wasn't nervous before this game because we had already had the exhibition game and I had four turnovers in that game," Walker said. "So going into tonight's game I just kept telling myself that I did not want to have any turnovers. It didn't matter how many points I had, because I knew that as long as I handled the ball well my teammates would fill in."

The Greyhounds look to continue their winning ways as they travel to the famed Palestra in Philadelphia for a 7 p.m. matchup against LaSalle on Wednesday.



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Sophomore Chrissey Cruz set a career high 49 assists against the Gaels

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Woodward's 11 kills led the Loyola attack, while Schillinger's six blocks accentuated the Greyhound defense. Freshman Brittany Born led all players with 14 digs.

The girls kept the momentum going Sunday evening with a 30-22, 30-23,

Hounds sweep Gaels to nab No. 3 seed, Cruz records 49 assists

33-31 sweep of the Gaels featuring four different Greyhounds in double-digit kills. Woodward led the way again with 17 kills on a .625 hitting performance. She received help from fellow hitters junior Christina Greenup (13), sophomore Anastasia Collins (11) and freshman Nina Camaioni, who posted a double-double of 10 kills and 10 digs.

While Loyola ran away with the first two games in what amounted to an offensive clinic, Iona stuck in Game 3 all the way to a dramatic conclusion.

Loyola held a 21-17 lead before Iona rallied off five straight points to take a 22-21 lead and went on to grab a 27-26 and then a 29-27 advantage.

Facing game point and the possibility of playing a fourth game, a Woodward kill and a block from Greenup and Schillinger knotted the game at 29. After additional Iona game points at 30-29 and 31-30, Camaioni and Greenup fired two kills in a row to seal the sweep.

The story of the Hounds' attack, however, was the solid play from sophomore setter Chrissey Cruz,

who set a career-high with 49 assists over the three games. Sunday night's effort was a strong showing of the consistent offense needed to win a MAAC title, which according to Hernandez, is entirely possible.

With the regular season now over and the four-team playoff set, the Hounds (22-11 overall, 13-5 MAAC) now shift their focus to the MAAC Championships next weekend at Fairfield. Loyola holds the No. 3 seed in the tournament where they will face either the second seeded Stags or Siena. The No. 3 seed is the highest Loyola finish since 1997.

While the Hounds are a combined 0-4 against Fairfield and Siena, Loyola is 6-1 since the Siena loss on Oct. 20, and is ready for the tougher competition.

"To be honest, we did not play good matches against those teams in the past," Hernandez said. "But that was a result of inconsistent offense."

"The last few matches have been great signs of the team coming together, and if we play the same way we can definitely win those matches as well."

Swimmers impress with top times in Murphy Invitational

By JIM DELANEY
STAFF WRITER

Local rival Johns Hopkins and VMI competed against the Loyola swim and dive team in the annual Thomas Murphy Invitational last weekend at the Mangione Aquatic Center.

Head coach Brian Loeffler reflected on the significance of the Thomas Murphy meet:

"The meet is always special to me, in that it brings back memories of my former coach, Tom Murphy. Murph was a very special man that touched many people's lives. I am excited that we will be able to award the Thomas Murphy Scholarship tomorrow in between sessions."

The recipient was senior Pat Hicks.

"Pat is a great recipient for this award," Loeffler said. "He is just the kind of student-athlete Murph would have loved on his team."

The H2ounds had no problem with VMI, defeating them 297-64 on the men's side and 315-8 on the women's side, but Hopkins proved their status as a powerhouse by defeating the Hounds 202-153 on the men's side and edging out the women 183-178.

"Overall we had a great weekend filled with many personal best times," Loeffler said. "Our next big challenge will be when we face rival Marist at the end of the month."

The women had great swims, including new school records in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:51.48 and the 400 medley relay in 4:01.02. Sophomores Melissa White and Megan Royer and freshmen Kim Krzaczek and Caitlin Cassidy were the

members on the 200 team, and junior Victoria Kamauff stepped in for Royer on the 400 team.

Cassidy also placed first in the 50 freestyle in 24.86, good for fourth all time at Loyola. Other great performances were put in by senior Meg Hadley (first place in 1650 freestyle) and divers Alex Coletta and Jackie Parker.

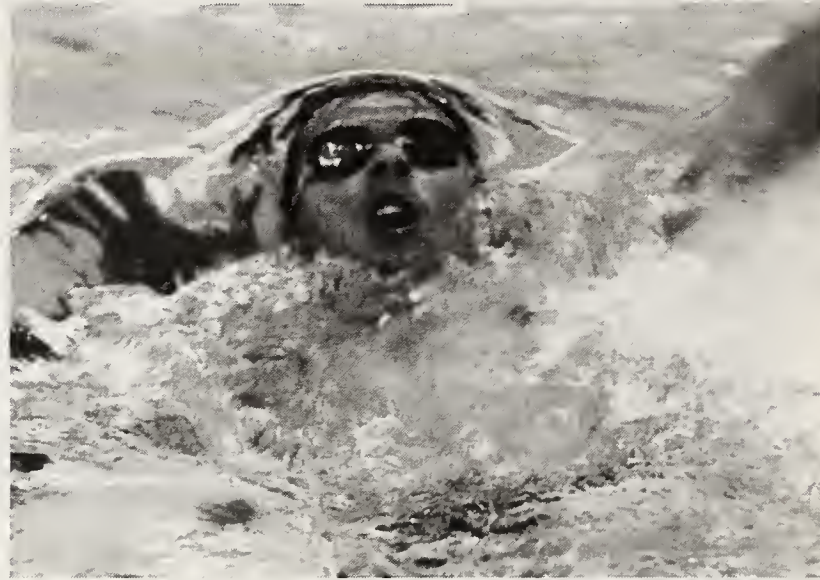
On the men's side, sophomore Brad Reeser, freshmen Ozzie Torres, Sam McQuaid, and Matt Fralinger teamed up in the 400 medley relay for the second fastest time in school history (3:29.62).

Fralinger also dropped six seconds off a personal best time to nearly win the 200 breaststroke

in 2:09.60.

"It was pretty amazing for him to drop six seconds in a 200 breast," Loeffler said. "I am anxious to see how well he will do at the end of the season when he is rested." Other notable performances were turned in by sophomore Zach Oster, who placed first in the 1650 freestyle with a time of 17:08.29, freshman Jacob Drannan and divers Rich Gibbons and James O'Neil.

The Greyhounds return to action after the Thanksgiving holiday to face MAAC powerhouse and preseason favorite Marist in the H2ounds Invitational the weekend of Dec. 1.



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The Hounds overcame VMI, but fell victim to powerhouse JHU.



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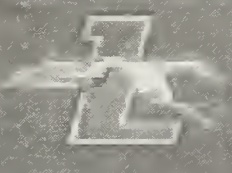
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<p>COFFEEHOUSE sponsored by SPECTRUM! FREE coffee and desserts! Andrew White Student Center 9 PM – 11 PM</p> <p><i>Friend us on facebook or myspace (search "Loyola Greyhound") OR MYSPACE: www.myspace.com/loyolalatenight for updates on late night events!</i></p> <p><small>PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO MAY REQUIRE SPECIAL SERVICES SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE OF DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES, x2062, OR (TDD) x2141 AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO EACH EVENT</small></p>	<p>FALL FOOTBALL CLASSIC! In this epic campus battle Classes will clash and victors will be exalted. Where will you be when champions are crowned? Bags will not be allowed. 4 PM- 8 PM Geppi-Aikens Field</p> <p>KARAOKE! Sponsored by the CADETS! Free snacks and refreshments! Reading Room 9 PM- 12 AM</p> <p>MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST! FREE! See Saturday's Details</p>	<p>Mission Mobtown! Come experience and explore Fells Point! Free! 1 PM- 5 PM Email to sign up: hwblauvelt@loyola.edu</p> <p>OPEN MIC COMEDY NIGHT FREE! 7 PM - 10 PM Sign up at Student Activities</p> <p>MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST! FREE! Bring Loyola ID. Boulder Café 12 AM – 2 AM Food served until 1:45 AM</p>